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Before The Honorable James Donato, Judge

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EPIC GAMES, INC.,	)
Plaintiff,	)
VS.	) NO. 3:20-cv-05671-JI
GOOGLE, LLC., et al.,	)
Defendants.	) ) _)

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Wednesday - November 8, 2023 1 9:08 a.m. 2 PROCEEDINGS ---000---3 Calling Civil 20-5671, Epic Games Inc. THE CLERK: 4 5 versus Google LLC, and Multi-District Litigation 21-2981, In Re Google Play Store Antitrust Litigation. 6 Counsel? 7 MR. BORNSTEIN: Good morning, Your Honor. Gary 8 Bornstein for Epic Games. Today I have with me Michael Zaken, 9 10 Jason Koffler, Ben Diessel, Andrew Wiktor, Lauren Moskowitz, and Yonathan Even. 11 MR. POMERANTZ: Good morning, Your Honor. Glenn 12 13 Pomerantz on behalf of Google. With me is Lauren Bell, Brian Smith, Jonathan Kravis, Michelle Park Chiu, and Justin Raphael. 14 15 Okay. We all set? THE COURT: 16 MR. BORNSTEIN: I just wanted to report good news, 17 Your Honor. 18 THE COURT: Yes. MR. BORNSTEIN: We have resolved with third parties a 19 20 number of the sealing issues that you may have seen on the 21 docket through agreement. 22 THE COURT: Okay. 23 MR. BORNSTEIN: If Your Honor wants to take note, I can give you the information now, or we can file something 24 25 indicating the resolutions, whatever would be easier.

What's the resolution? 1 THE COURT: MR. BORNSTEIN: For the various third parties as to 2 which we have resolution, we are, for three of them, not going 3 to show the portions of the documents as to which they 4 5 objected. I think they may, in the future, if we need to get those portions in to the jury because they're with relevant 6 7 stuff on the same page, they may file a motion to seal in the future, as to which we will take no position. 8 Okay. So there's an email, and somebody THE COURT: 9 has objected to it. What are you going to do with the email? 10 11 MR. BORNSTEIN: So if we have -- I think they're all slide decks. But if we're showing page 2, for example, and the 12 13 information that they care about is on page 5, we're just not going to show page 5. 14 15 THE COURT: You're not using page 5. 16 MR. BORNSTEIN: Correct. 17 THE COURT: That's fine. Okay. MR. BORNSTEIN: Yeah. 18 19 THE COURT: All right. 20 And there may be one or two of those MR. BORNSTEIN: 21 where we're using information that's on the same page as what they object to, and so they may, in the future, file a motion 22 23 to seal the filed exhibit. THE COURT: I don't want anything that says "Redacted" 24 on it. 25

MR. BORNSTEIN: No. Understood. 1 2 THE COURT: All right. MR. BORNSTEIN: And then there is one sealing motion 3 that relates to information that we intend to use with a 4 5 witness today as to which we've been unable to reach resolution. 6 Who is the witness? 7 THE COURT: MR. BORNSTEIN: The witness is Ms. Kochikar, Purnima 8 Kochikar. She's a Google witness. 9 10 What's the issue? THE COURT: Okay. 11 MR. POMERANTZ: The issue is -- concerns an agreement between Google and Spotify. Spotify's counsel is here in the 12 13 courtroom. And we have, at least on behalf of Google -- I'll let 14 15 Spotify speak for itself, but we have two significant concerns. 16 One is that the agreement portions of it are still under 17 negotiation right now, and we think public disclosure would not 18 be appropriate for that.

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And second, this particular agreement is related to a pilot program that Google has recently launched called User Choice Billing. The Spotify deal was the first agreement that was part of that program. We are in active negotiations with others for that same pilot program. There are similarities and differences between the other people that we are negotiating with. And disclosure of the Spotify deal would be, you know,

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very, very detrimental to the ongoing negotiations that we are having with these other third parties. THE COURT: Why is that? Because it's a new pilot program and MR. POMERANTZ: people are -- it would -- you know, if you know what your competitor's deal is, it would greatly affect your negotiations. What is this called? User Choice? THE COURT: MR. POMERANTZ: Yes. THE COURT: What does that mean? MR. POMERANTZ: It's a pilot program that Google has started in other territories and is now launching in the United States which allows the developer to have both Google Play Billing and a billing system of the developer's choice on the same screen for the user to choose. And if the user chooses the developer's billing system, if I have a different --THE COURT: Wait a minute. So right now Google is letting developers post their own billing systems? There is a pilot program under way, MR. POMERANTZ: and Spotify was the first participant in the United States. What does "pilot program" mean? THE COURT: MR. POMERANTZ: Meaning that we're testing whether it works for both the developer and for Google. THE COURT: Who are the lucky winners of the pilot program? How are they being selected?

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They're selected based upon whether
         MR. POMERANTZ:
they're interested in doing it, and then Google works with them
to see if they can work out an appropriate agreement that is --
         THE COURT: Do you offer that to Epic?
                         I don't know, Your Honor.
         MR. POMERANTZ:
         THE COURT: You don't know.
                         I mean, I guess I would say, Your
         MR. POMERANTZ:
Honor --
         THE COURT:
                     Wouldn't that solve your problem with Epic
if Google did that?
         MR. MISHRA: Your Honor, this is Sourabh Mishra for
plaintiff --
         THE COURT: I want to hear from Mr. Bornstein first.
Thank you.
     Wouldn't that solve your problems?
         MR. BORNSTEIN: It would not, Your Honor.
economic terms of the proposal, as well as the manner in which
it is implemented, based on what we are aware from public
information -- and I don't want to talk about non-public
information -- in our view, this is not a real option for
developers. It's window dressing in order to try to make it
seem as though the concerns at issue in this matter have been
resolved, when it is very clear from the actual substance of
the proposal that it is not.
         MR. POMERANTZ: In any event, Your Honor --
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Well, I mean, I think that you're seeking 1 THE COURT: injunctive relief. Google has opened the door to your own 2 billing. You may not like the deal terms, but that's different 3 from anticompetitive conduct. 4 5 MR. BORNSTEIN: I'd be happy to get into the substance of it, Your Honor. I don't know if we have a confidentiality 6 issue on that. But our view is the terms of the deal continue 7 to be anticompetitive in a very substantial way. 8 THE COURT: Anticompetitive. 9 MR. BORNSTEIN: Correct, Your Honor. I can explain if 10 11 you're interested in --**THE COURT:** They're lowering the bridge across the 12 13 What more do you want? MR. BORNSTEIN: They are not lowering the bridge 14 15 across the moat, Your Honor. They are not. THE COURT: Okay. I don't understand why this is-- I 16 17 know it's a pilot program, and I know it's new, but --18 MR. POMERANTZ: Well, there's two reasons. one, Your Honor, is we're still negotiating with Spotify. So 19 20 there are aspects of the deal that are still under negotiation. 21 So that's Spotify. 22 And then also, because it's part of a new program, it 23 would greatly affect those negotiations, and we don't think that is good for competition. You don't want to have the 24

competitors of Spotify know the terms of the Spotify deal with

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It would be very, very harmful, particularly when it's
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     Google.
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     a new program.
              THE COURT: It arguably sounds pro-competitive.
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     information, more transparency is usually pro-competitive.
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          But anyway, leaving that aside, are you planning to use --
     do we have to deal -- can't you -- do you have to use Spotify
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     in your current thing?
              MR. POMERANTZ: Your Honor, let me tell you what we're
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     proposing, just so you know. We have asked them to -- we have
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     a hard copy of the agreement. They can hand the entire
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     agreement to the jurors --
              THE COURT: Before we do that, do you need to use this
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     Spotify. Can't you use something else?
              MR. BORNSTEIN: We do, Your Honor, precisely for the
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     reasons that prompted Your Honor's question. We need to
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     establish with the witness that the facts on the ground
     continue to be anticompetitive, and that requires a discussion
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     of the terms of the deal.
              THE COURT: Well, are you raising the Spotify deal as
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     an example of Google's opening the door?
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              MR. POMERANTZ:
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              THE COURT: So Google is not raising it at all.
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              MR. POMERANTZ: I don't believe we are -- we are not
     offering the Spotify deal.
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              THE COURT: All right. So if they're not going to
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tell the jury Spotify is our indicator of pro-competitive, why
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     do you even need to bring it up?
              MR. BORNSTEIN: Well, my understanding is that this is
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     going to -- it certainly has been my understanding that this is
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     going to feature in Google's case, and I do think we need to --
              THE COURT: Mr. Pomerantz just said no.
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              MR. BORNSTEIN: Well, I think maybe Mr. Pomerantz and
     I should have a discussion about exactly what "no" means.
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              THE COURT:
                          Is it the next witness?
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              MR. BORNSTEIN: No. She's coming later today.
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              THE COURT:
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              MR. BORNSTEIN:
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              THE COURT: Well, Mr. Pomerantz is saying they're not
     going to mention it. So if he doesn't, I don't see why you
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    need to do it.
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              MR. BORNSTEIN: I'll discuss that with Mr. Pomerantz
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     and with the team, Your Honor, and we can address it after a
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    break.
                          That might short-circuit the problem.
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              THE COURT:
              MR. POMERANTZ: It might, Your Honor. I'll be happy
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     to have that conversation.
              THE COURT: And that's the only thing, just Spotify?
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              MR. POMERANTZ: That's it. And this is Spotify's
     counsel. I don't know if you want to --
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              THE COURT: I don't think so. Thank you.
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You're going to have to wait around. If it persists, I
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     may have to have a word from you.
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          Okay?
                 Is that it then?
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              MR. BORNSTEIN: We also have an evidentiary matter
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     with respect to that same witness, so we can save it until
     later as well.
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                          Well, when is later?
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              THE COURT:
              MR. BORNSTEIN: I expect she will come either shortly
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    before lunch or shortly after, based on the schedule.
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              THE COURT: Well, let's just do it now.
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              MR. BORNSTEIN: All right. I would cede the podium to
    Mr. Mishra.
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              THE COURT:
                          Okay.
                                 Yeah.
              MR. MISHRA: Your Honor, this is Sourabh Mishra for
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    plaintiff Epic Games.
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          There are three exhibits that we're objecting to, Your
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    Honor. The first exhibit is Exhibit 6278.
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              THE COURT: Can I have them?
              MR. MISHRA: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Thank you. All right. 6278.
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              MR. MISHRA: 6278, Your Honor. This is a long
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    presentation detailing a third party's survey results with
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    hearsay throughout the document. The witness did not conduct
     the survey. The witness I don't even think is in the
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     department that conducted the survey at Google.
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THE COURT:
                          This is for which witness?
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              MR. MISHRA: Purnima Kochikar.
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              THE COURT:
                          Okay. All right.
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              MR. MISHRA: And when we asked Google's counsel how
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     this -- what hearsay exception applies, they said they're not
     offering it for the truth.
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          And we said: How could it get admitted when there's so
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     many hearsay statements in here, all prejudicial statements in
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     there that the witness does not have personal knowledge about?
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          They said: We're not going to tell you. We'll talk to
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     the Judge about it tomorrow.
          When we went to other exhibits and we made similar
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     objections and asked, they told us: We're not here to talk to
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     you about it. We'll tell you tomorrow in front of the Court.
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              MR. KRAVIS: I told counsel this morning, we're not
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    planning to use this one.
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              THE COURT: You're not using this?
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              MR. KRAVIS: No.
                         All right. Problem solved.
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              THE COURT:
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              MR. MISHRA: My understanding was they weren't using
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     the Gen-Z.
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              THE COURT: You know what? You've won, so it's
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    probably good to stop.
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          What's next?
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              MR. MISHRA: 6278, Your Honor.
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That's the one we just did.
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              THE COURT:
              MR. MISHRA: Oh, they're not using that one. Okay.
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          5941, I believe you're not using that either.
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              MR. KRAVIS: No, no. We're using that.
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              THE COURT: I only have three.
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          So 6278, Google is not going to use.
          The next two I have are 1525 and 109 -- all right, so four
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     exhibits. All right. So there are four exhibits. Okay.
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          5941. All right. The Gen Z effect.
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              MR. MISHRA: Gen Z effect, Your Honor.
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          So the Gen Z effect --
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              THE COURT: What is Gen Z? Is that 1995?
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              MR. MISHRA: My brother was born in 1997, and it
     started right then.
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              THE COURT:
                         Gen Z?
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              MR. MISHRA: I was born in 1988, so not that young.
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              THE COURT: Gen Z starts in 1997?
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              MR. MISHRA: That's right.
              THE COURT:
                          So my kids are Gen Z. That's the problem.
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                                (Laughter)
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              THE COURT:
                         Okay. All right. What do we have?
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              MR. MISHRA: So another long presentation, surveys
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     throughout, hearsay statements.
              THE COURT: Are you going to use this one?
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              MR. KRAVIS: Three slides from this deck.
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Oh, you are.
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              THE COURT:
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          Okay. Go ahead.
              MR. MISHRA: Your Honor, we asked last night:
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     parts of this are you using?
          They said: We're not going to preview our examination for
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    you.
          I'm happy to meet and confer further --
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              THE COURT: I want to get started.
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          What are the three pages you want to use?
              MR. KRAVIS: Yeah. So they're Slide Number 10.
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              THE COURT:
                          10. Okay.
               "iPhone is an even bigger problem than you
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          think."
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          Okay. So what are you going to do with this one?
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              MR. KRAVIS: This is relevant to Google's state of
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     mind and Google's view of its competition. It's not being
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     offered for the truth of anything asserted on the deck. It's
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     being offered to show that Google -- Google employees consider
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     Apple and the iPhone and the Apple App Store, in particular, to
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    be a competitor and that that affects their business strategy.
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                          Well, does the witness have anything to do
              THE COURT:
     with this document?
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              MR. KRAVIS: Yes, she did.
              THE COURT: What does she do?
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              MR. KRAVIS: This is a document that she considers in
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the course of her work. One of her -- one of her
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     responsibilities and one of the things that she'll be
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     testifying about is communications and negotiations with app
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     developers.
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              THE COURT:
                         I'll think about it. I'm disinclined, but
     I'll let you try with a foundation. Okay? But 50/50 whether
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     that's going to get in or not.
         Okay. What's the next one?
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         Actually, you know what? That's going to be true for all
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     the slides. If you can lay a foundation that's adequate, I
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     will consider it. But just saying it was in the air at Google,
     I don't think -- you can't get a document in unless she
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    prepared it or had some other connection with it.
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             MR. KRAVIS: Right. I think the testimony will
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     establish that it's not just in the air at Google, but it's
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     relevant to her own consideration of these topics.
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              THE COURT: All right. What's next?
             MR. MISHRA: The next one is 10928, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT:
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             MR. MISHRA: This is a -- the top email here is an
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     email from a third party speculating about something relating
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     to their business. Hearsay.
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              THE COURT: This is to the witness, though.
     email to the witness.
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              MR. MISHRA: It is an email to the witness.
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they intend to use here -- again, they didn't tell us this, but 1 this is what we suspect. What they intend to use here is the 2 third-party speculation about an issue related to that third 3 party specifically, nothing to do with Epic here. Specifically 4 5 to that third party, that third-party speculation. What are you planning to do with this one? 6 THE COURT: 7 MR. KRAVIS: Yeah. So, again, this is an email to -it's an email chain with the witness, Purnima Kochikar. 8 the relevant portion here is the discussion of why the 9 10 developer does not want to use Google Play Billing. And in 11 particular, the developer is telling Ms. Kochikar that they do not want to use Google Play Billing because that makes it too 12 easy for customers to cancel their subscriptions. 13 This is, again, relevant to her communications with 14 15 developers about the Play Store and about Google Play Billing. 16 It's not being offered for the truth. It's being offered to 17 show what developers say to Google about these things. 18 THE COURT: That's fine. It's admissible. Let's bring the jury in. 19 20 (Proceedings were heard in the presence of the jury:) 21 THE CLERK: Please be seated. 22 Calling Civil 20-5671, Epic Games Inc. versus Google LLC and Multi-District Litigation 21-2981, In Re Google Play Store 23

THE COURT: All right. Please go ahead.

Antitrust Litigation.

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1 MR. EVEN: Thank you, Your Honor. 2 MICHAEL MARCHAK, called as a witness for the PLAINTIFFS, having been previously 3 4 duly sworn, testified further as follows: 5 DIRECT EXAMINATION (resumed) BY MR. EVEN: 6 7 Good morning, Mr. Marchak. Are you ready to proceed? Q. Good morning. Yes. 8 Α. So before we actually continue with the substance of the 9 Q. examination, I'd like to go through a few housekeeping things. 10 11 So if you could first turn in your binder to Exhibit 388. And do you see that that's a slide deck titled Project 12 Base functionality 4/14 Discussion? 13 I do. 14 Α. And that is a slide deck that you had received as part of 15 your work at Google at the time, correct? 16 17 I believe I saw this slide deck, but it's not all that Α. familiar to me. 18 Sir, you had received those slide decks as we see them at 19 the time, correct? 20 21 Correct, but, like I said, I receive a lot of slide decks, Α. so this one isn't one that rings a bell. 22 23 MR. EVEN: Okay. Thank you. I'd like to move it into evidence, Your Honor. 24

MS. CHIU: No objections.

1 THE COURT: Sorry? I'd like to move Exhibit 388 into evidence, 2 MR. EVEN: please. 3 No objections. MS. CHIU: 4 5 THE COURT: Okay. It's admitted. (Trial Exhibit 388 received 6 in evidence.) 7 BY MR. EVEN: 8 Please now turn in your binder to Exhibit 8000. 9 That is a slide deck titled App Best Practices for Commerce Developers; 10 11 do you see that? I do. 12 Α. 13 0. Do you recognize it? I don't. 14 Α. 15 Well, if you take a look at the bottom right-hand, do you 16 see that there's a number there saying that ends in 942553.ARK? 17 Yes. Α. 18 And if you click to Exhibit 8514, do you see that this is 19 a metadata sheet for a document with control number ending 20 942553.ARK? Counsel, we object to showing this document 21 MS. CHIU: to Mr. Marchak. It is not a document that was produced in this 22 23 litigation, and he's not going to have any understanding of this material. 24 25 THE COURT: Okay. Just state your objection. And I

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couldn't hear a word you said. So --
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              MS. CHIU: Sorry, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: -- what's the objection?
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              MS. CHIU: We object, lack of foundation for 8514.
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     And personal --
              THE COURT: It has his name on it. Go ahead and lay a
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     foundation for 8514.
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     BY MR. EVEN:
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          Do you see that this suggests that Exhibit 8000 came from
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     your files, Mr. Marchak?
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          I don't know what this sheet is, like the sheet that
     you're showing me right now.
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          Do you see that it says under all custodians, Michael
     Marchak?
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     Α.
          Yes.
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          And do you see that it's the same control number as 8000?
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     Α.
          Yes.
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          Do you understand that you received Document 8000 as part
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     of your work at Google and that's how it landed in your
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     custodial file?
              MS. CHIU: Your Honor, we renew our objection.
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     document, 8514, Mr. Marchak just testified he doesn't know what
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     this information is, and the conclusions that counsel are
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     drawing has not been established through the witness.
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Just ask him -- do you want to ask him

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THE COURT:

- 1 about 8000? Just go ahead.
- 2 BY MR. EVEN:
- 3 Q. Sir, let me represent to you that Document 8000 comes from
- 4 | your files. Do you have any reason to believe you did not
- 5 | receive it as part of your work at Google at the time?
- 6 A. It looks like something I might have received, but it
- 7 doesn't ring a bell or anything like that.
- 8 MR. EVEN: So, Your Honor, I'd like to move
- 9 Exhibit 8000 into evidence, please.
- 10 MS. CHIU: Your Honor, we object to the admission of
- 11 | this evidence -- this document with Mr. Marchak.
- 12 **THE COURT:** Well, you want to do a little bit more
- 13 | foundation or do something else?
- 14 BY MR. EVEN:
- 15 Q. Mr. Marchak, if you turn to the first slide, you see the
- 16 | agenda for this document?
- 17 **A.** This is Exhibit 8000?
- 18 **Q.** Yes.
- 19 A. Yes, I see the agenda.
- 20 **Q.** And those are the kind of documents that you would have
- 21 | received as part of your strategic -- strategy role at Play at
- 22 Google, correct?
- 23 | A. I may have received this document. It doesn't ring a bell
- 24 | at all.
- 25 | Q. Well, we received it from your files. Does that mean that

- you received it at the time as part of your work at Google, 1 2 sir? I don't know how it was filed. I would assume so, but I 3 Α. don't know how that process works, so... 4 5 Do you assume you received it into your files? Q. Yeah, it wouldn't surprise me. This looks like a deck 6 Α. that was shared with developers or something like that, but it 7 doesn't ring a bell with me at all. 8 Your Honor, I renew the request to move it 9 MR. EVEN: into evidence at this time. 10 THE COURT: Well, let me ask the witness. 11 Did you prepare this document? 12 THE WITNESS: No. 13 THE COURT: Do you remember getting it at any time 14 15 until today? 16 THE WITNESS: No. THE COURT: Well, can't let it in. Sorry. 17 18 BY MR. EVEN: So now let's turn back to where we were yesterday, 19 20 Mr. Marchak. And I believe yesterday we were talking about the value 21 that Google ascribed to its payment services in the context of 22 23 the August 2019 Play Value Model; do you remember that?
  - Q. So if you go back to slide 24 of Exhibit 360, and what the

Yes.

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- 1 | slide shows us, you said yesterday, is that in this Play Value
- 2 | Model, Google assumed that the value of its payment services to
- 3 developers was 10 percent, correct?
- 4 | A. It looks like there's two -- two models or two options
- 5 here, and yeah, one of them looks like the assumption that led
- 6 to an average of 10 percent.
- 7 Q. And you see at the top it says FOP Value Using Cost Plus
- 8 in the Play Value Model?
- 9 **A.** Yes.
- 10 | Q. And you see on the left-hand side that "Cost Plus" is the
- 11 | row that ends in 10 percent?
- 12 **A.** Yes.
- 13 | Q. So you understand that the value that Google actually
- 14 | ascribed in this Play Value Model was 10 percent to its FOP
- 15 | services, correct?
- 16 A. I wouldn't say that it was the value that Google ascribed.
- 17 | This was a small team that I was working with that created this
- 18 | early model. So I don't think that was --
- 19 Q. Sir, as reflected in this slide, the team you were working
- 20 | with on the Google Play model ascribed the value of 10 percent
- 21 to the pay services that Google provided as of August 2019,
- 22 | correct? That's what the slide says?
- 23 **A.** Yeah, I -- yes.
- 24 Q. Thank you.
- 25 **A.** But I also think it varied by developer, so it wasn't like

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Q. Sir, I heard yesterday you want to suggest to us all kinds of things about this model. We will get there.

For now, the slide says that as of August 2019, you and your team developed this model and ascribed a 10 percent value to the paid services provided by Google, correct?

- A. I was just clarifying that that was the average, not --
- Q. Sir, it's a yes-or-no question. As of 2019, in August, you and your team developed a Play Value Model that ascribed a 10 percent value to Google's payment services, correct?
- 11 **A.** That was the blended average.
- 12 Q. And we discussed yesterday that in connection with this
- 13 | Play model, you and your team did not actually do any work to
- 14 | try to determine whether some developers could, in fact,
- 15 | replicate Google's payment solution at a cost of 6 percent
- 16 | rather than 10 percent, correct?
- 17 A. I don't recall doing work to validate whether developers
  18 could replicate.
- 19 Q. And you also did not have any data to suggest that a large
- 20 developer like Microsoft, for instance, could not replicate the
- 21 | cost of payment solution that Google managed to obtain,
- 22 | correct?
- 23 A. I don't recall ever looking at Microsoft when I was doing
- 24 | the Play Value Model.
- 25 **Q.** And you don't recall looking at any other large developer

- 1 | either, correct?
- 2 A. I don't recall going deep into how we got to these
- 3 assumptions.
- 4 Q. Okay. If you turn now to slide 30 on Exhibit 360. And
- 5 this slide is headed Draft Total Value Based on the Model
- 6 | Versus Our Current Billing Model.
- 7 Do you see that?
- 8 A. I see the headline, yes.
- 9 Q. And on the left-hand side, the chart breaks down the total
- 10 | value that Google provided by type of value, correct?
- 11 **A.** At this early stage of the model, yeah, those are the
- 12 three areas.
- 13 | Q. And what it quantified are the three value drivers we
- 14 discussed yesterday: user acquisition, payments, and
- 15 | distribution, correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. And the smallest value here is 0.6 billion for
- 18 distribution, correct?
- 19 **A.** That's what the model ascribed to distribution at that
- 20 time.
- 21 | Q. And as of August 2019, Google had not quantified any other
- 22 | source of value beyond the three presented here that delivered
- 23 | more than 0.6 billion, correct?
- 24 | A. I'm not certain if Google had done other work in this
- 25 | topic.

- 1 | Q. I understand, sir. You're not aware of anyone quantifying
- 2 | any other driver at more than .6 billion, correct?
- 3 **A.** Specifically for distribution?
- 4 | Q. For anything. You had here the three largest value
- 5 drivers, the smallest of which was .6. And you are not aware
- 6 of Google quantifying or identifying any other source of value
- 7 | that provided more than .6 or it would have been here on the
- 8 | slide, correct?
- 9 **A.** No, I don't think that's right.
- 10 Q. Sir, do you recall that yesterday we discussed the fact
- 11 | that in your work on this model, you arrived at the fact that
- 12 | as of August 2019, you believed that these three drivers likely
- 13 | account for the majority of quantifiable value? Correct?
- 14 A. That's what I believed in 2019.
- 15 | Q. And as of 2019, these three drivers -- the smallest of
- 16 | which provided .6 billion, correct?
- 17 | A. That's what the model at that time assumed for
- 18 distribution.
- 19 Q. And at the time, if you had thought that there were
- 20 | 10 billion value that you could quantify and did quantify in
- 21 | some other driver, that would have made it on this slide,
- 22 right?
- 23 **A.** I don't agree with that.
- 24 Q. Okay. We'll let the jury decide that.
- If we're looking at the middle chart of this same slide,

- 1 Google also broke out the total value provided to developers by
- 2 type of developer, correct?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. And Google looked here at non-GPB and GPB developers,
- 5 | correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 | Q. And GPB stands for Google Play Billing, correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. And GPB developers are those who sell digital content
- 10 using Google Play Billing and, therefore, must use -- must pay
- 11 | Google's fees, correct?
- 12 A. These are -- GPB would be Google Play Billing, and they
- 13 | choose to use Google Play Billing, yes.
- 14 Q. Sir, GPB developers are those who sell digital content
- 15 | using Google Play?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 | Q. And therefore, must use Google Play Billing and must pay
- 18 Google's fees, correct?
- 19 A. These developers are using Google Play Billing. There's
- 20 developers that sell digital content and go consumption only
- 21 | and things like that. So I'm getting hung up on the exact
- 22 | words you're using.
- 23 Q. Sir, the people who are using Google Play Billing --
- 24 **A.** Yes.
- 25 | Q. -- are selling digital content and are paying Google's

1 fees, correct?

- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. And on this chart, the non-GPB developers are those who do
- 4 | not monetize by selling digital content, do not use Google Play
- 5 | Billing, and do not pay Google Play fees, correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 | Q. And according to Google's analysis in this deck,
- 8 developers that do not pay Google Play fees derive
- 9 | significantly more value from Google Play than those who
- 10 | actually do pay fees, correct?
- 11 | A. According to this, the non-GPB does accrue more value, but
- 12 | it's also a much larger set of developers.
- 13 **Q.** Sir, the people who do not pay the fees actually receive
- 14 | more value than the people who do pay the fees according to
- 15 | this slide, correct?
- 16 **A.** In aggregate, but, yeah, not on a per developer basis.
- 17 | Q. Sir, it's a yes-or-no question. The people who do not pay
- 18 | the fees, non-GPB developers, receive more value from Google
- 19 under your model than the people who do pay the fees, correct?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 | Q. Now, under Google's current business model, only a very
- 22 | small percentage of Play developers pay all of the fees that
- 23 | Google Play collects, correct?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 | Q. And as we see here on the right side, that very small

- 1 | group collects \$6.7 billion in fees as of 2019, correct?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 | Q. And that was roughly 80 percent of Play's overall revenue
- 4 | at the time, correct?
- 5 **A.** That sounds right.
- 6 Q. Please turn to slide 33 of this deck. And this slide
- 7 | shows the net value that certain gaming developers derive from
- 8 Google Play according to this Play Value Model, correct?
- 9 **A.** Yes, that looks right.
- 10 **Q.** And the net value reflects, as we said, a comparison
- 11 between the value that these developers received from Google
- 12 | and what they paid Google, correct?
- 13 | A. Yes, based on this early model.
- 14 Q. And on the right side of the chart, we see all these bar
- 15 charts that point downward. Those reflect developers who pay
- 16 | Google more than the value they obtain from Google, according
- 17 | to this Play Value Model, correct?
- 18 **A.** Yes, according to this early model.
- 19 Q. And so those developers have a negative net value or a
- 20 deficit, correct?
- 21 A. Yes, I think based on this snapshot, which I think was
- 22 | 2018 data.
- 23 Q. Sir, as of August of 2019, this value model estimated that
- 24 | all these people on the right paid Google more than the value
- 25 | that Google itself believes they received from Google, correct?

- 1 **A.** Based on this limited early model for a snapshot of time.
- 2 Q. Sir, I said based on this slide in this model in
- 3 August 2019 -- as I said, we'll get to your point about other
- 4 | things. Right now we're talking about this model that you
- 5 | created with your team in August of 2019.
- 6 Based on that model, all these people on the right paid
- 7 Google more than what Google itself believed is the value it
- 8 was provided, correct?
- 9 A. Based on that model for the year of 2018.
- 10 Q. And as we can see, some of these people, like two of these
- 11 | people on the far right, for instance, paid Google over a
- 12 | hundred million dollars in fees every year more than the value
- 13 | that they obtained, correct?
- 14 A. Again, based on this early model for 2018.
- 15 **THE COURT:** Okay. You need to say yes or no, not just
- 16 | a sound bite. So when you're asked a question "Is this
- 17 | correct, " you need to say yes or no.
- 18 So let's ask that question again and let the witness
- 19 respond.
- 20 **THE WITNESS:** I just want to, Judge, clarify.
- 21 **THE COURT:** No, you can't. Sorry.
- 22 Go ahead. Ask the question, please.
- 23 BY MR. EVEN:
- 24 | Q. According to this Play Value Model as of August -- created
- 25 | in August of 2019, the two people furthest on the right paid

- 1 Google more than a hundred million dollars per year more than
- 2 | the value that they have obtained from Google, correct?
- 3 **A.** Yes.
- 4 | Q. Now, on the right of the bar chart, this slide references
- 5 | the top 100 most negative developers under this model; do you
- 6 see that?
- 7 **A.** I do.
- 8 Q. And first of all, since these are the top 100 most
- 9 | negative, fair to assume that there were more than a hundred
- 10 developers with negative value overall, correct?
- 11 **A.** I think that's correct.
- 12 Q. And if we look below that, it says that the top 100 most
- 13 | negative developers covered 58 percent of Play dollars,
- 14 | correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 | Q. And that meant that these top 100 most negative paid close
- 17 | to 60 percent of all the Play fees that Google collected,
- 18 right?
- 19 **A.** Of the fees, yeah, not the total revenue.
- 20 \ Q. And for 2019, as we see on this slide that we see earlier,
- 21 | that would mean that they are paying 60 percent or 58 percent
- 22 | of about 6.7 billion, right?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 Q. And based on this Play Value Model, the top one hundred
- 25 | most negative developers received an average value of only

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     19 percent from Google, correct?
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          Correct.
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          And despite receiving a value equivalent to 19 percent,
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     these developers still were required to pay Google a 30 percent
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     revenue share, correct?
          I'm not sure that all of them paid a 30 percent share.
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     think we had discounts on subscriptions and things like that.
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              MR. EVEN: Your Honor, I'd like to turn to Marchak
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     deposition transcript at 439 at 20 to 440 at 1.
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              THE COURT:
                          That's fine.
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              MR. EVEN:
                         Can we put this up, please?
     BY MR. EVEN:
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          Sir, were you asked this question and gave this answer in
     your deposition?
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               But these people nonetheless paid 30 percent, not --
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          it should be 19 percent, correct?"
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          And you said:
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               The service fee for these developers was 30 percent."
          "A.
          Is that testimony you gave under oath?
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          Looks like it was.
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So I'd actually like to do a little math with you.

MR. EVEN: Your Honor, may I approach the witness and

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provide the calculator?

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Yes.

1 THE COURT: Yes.

- 2 BY MR. EVEN:
- 3 Q. So we saw on slide 30 that Google paid \$6.7 billion,
- 4 | Google collected \$6.7 billion, right?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. And we said that these top one hundred on slide 33 covered
- 7 | 58 percent of that, right?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. So can you do for me what is 58 percent of 6.7 billion?
- 10 **A.** 3.89.
- 11 **Q.** \$3.89 billion were paid by the people who were the top one
- 12 | hundred most negative under your August 2019 model.
- Now, these people paid 30 percent, but only received
- 14 | 19 percent. And so we need to divide this by 30 and multiply
- 15 by 11 to understand how much they overpaid, correct?
- 16 **A.** Sure.
- 17 **Q.** Can we do that?
- 18 A. You multiply the difference between 30 and 19, I think.
- 19 Q. Between 30 and 19. I did that in my head. Sir, do you
- 20 | understand what is the difference between 30 and 19?
- 21 **A.** Yes.
- 22 **Q.** I don't think you need a calculator for that one, right?
- 23 **A.** Okay.
- 24 | Q. And what is the outcome of how much these people overpaid
- 25 Google?

- A. If I did that right, I think this is coming out to \$430,000,000.
- 3 Q. I think you did that wrong, sir. Let's try again.
- 4 You have 3.886, you told me, divided by 30, right? They
- 5 | paid 30 percent, times 19 -- times 11. They've only received
- 6 | 19 percent.
- 7 **A.** Why am I dividing by 30?
- 8 Q. Because they paid 30 percent and they received 19, sir.
- 9 So divided by 30 times 11, what did we get, sir?
- 10 **A.** 1.43.
- 11 Q. \$1.43 billion per year these folks overpaid to Google.
- Now, sir, if a dozen eggs is worth \$5 but a supermarket is
- 13 | charging you \$10, you go to a different supermarket, right?
- 14 **A.** Sorry. Is there any way I can get one more time?
- I was plugging in numbers that you told me. I didn't
- 16 | really feel like that was a fair way for me to do math.
- 17 Q. Sir, we've moved on.
- 18 If a dozen egg costs -- are worth \$5 and a supermarket
- 19 | charges 10, you're going to a different supermarket, right?
- 20 **A.** Sorry. Can you ask the question again?
- 21 **Q.** If you go to the supermarket, you know that eggs are worth
- 22 | \$5, that's the price, and the supermarket wants to charge \$10,
- 23 | you go to a different supermarket, don't you?
- 25 | where the next supermarket is.

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Well, that is important.
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     Q.
          What is important there is: What are your options, right?
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     How good are your options to go to a different supermarket?
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          Potentially.
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          Okay. Now, of the one hundred most negative developers
     Q.
     that your Play Value Model showed were overpaying Google
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     $1.4 billion a year too much, you're not aware of a single one
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     that left the Google Play Store, correct?
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          I mean, we've had launches that weren't on Google Play
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     from top developers.
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              MR. EVEN: Your Honor, if we can go to transcript at
     440:11 to 16.
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              THE COURT:
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              MR. EVEN: 440:11 to 16. And, Your Honor, I can
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     assure you that what the transcript --
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              THE COURT:
                         Okay. Just let me look. Lines 11 to 16?
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              MR. EVEN:
                         Correct. And what it says there --
              THE COURT:
                         Just --
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                         I just need to clarify because there's a
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              MR. EVEN:
     transcription error.
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              THE COURT: I will ask if I want clarification.
          That's fine.
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                         Thank you.
              MR. EVEN:
          Can we show the video for that one so we don't have the
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transcription error.

(video clip played:)

- "Q. The 100 hundred most negative developers who know the values 19 based on the model, but paid 30, how many of them actually left Google Play that you can recall sitting here today?
- "A. I don't recall any."

## BY MR. EVEN:

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- Q. That is testimony you gave under oath, correct?
- 9 **A.** Correct.
- 10 Q. Can you please turn to page 70 of Exhibit 360. And this
- 11 | slide addresses how Google plans to use the Play Value Model,
- 12 | correct?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. And what Google intended to do with this Play model, one
- 15 | thing they intended to do was to proactively educate developers
- 16 on the breath and depth of Play value, correct?
- 17 **A.** Yes, I see that.
- 18 Q. But in fact, Google has never shared or communicated the
- 19 | findings of the Play model with any developers, correct?
- 20 **A.** There was some brief work where we were trying to pilot
- 21 some of that, but I'm not sure how much that was actually
- 22 shared.
- 23 **Q.** Sir, if we can go to 37:14 to 19.
- 24 **THE COURT:** Is this a deposition?
- MR. EVEN: Yes.

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              MR. EVEN:
                         Thank you. Sorry about that, Your Honor.
              THE COURT: Which page?
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              MR. EVEN:
                         Page 37.
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              THE COURT:
                         Oh, 37. Oh, okay.
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              MR. EVEN:
                         Yes.
              THE COURT: Lines?
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              MR. EVEN: Lines 14 to 19.
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              THE COURT: That's fine.
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              MR. EVEN: Can we show this?
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     BY MR. EVEN:
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          Sir, this testimony you gave, you were asked:
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          "Q. Were you involved in any of the efforts to
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          communicate the value that you ascribe to Play to
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          developers?
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          "A. Not directly. I don't think we ever really got to
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          that."
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          Did I read that right?
          You did.
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          Let's talk about one specific example.
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          You're familiar with Tinder?
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          Yeah.
     Α.
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          Tinder is a very popular dating app?
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          Correct.
     Α.
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          And Tinder is owned by the Match Group?
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- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. And in May or June 2019, Tinder was complaining about
- 3 Google's fees and began releasing versions of the app that did
- 4 | not incorporate Google Billing but instead integrated its own
- 5 payment solution, correct?
- 6 A. I don't remember the exact timing, but that sounds right.
- 7 | Q. And in this -- you were asked at the time to put together
- 8 | a value exchange analysis for Tinder, correct?
- 9 A. I recall something like -- along those lines.
- 10 Q. And in response to a request for a value exchange, you ran
- 11 | the Play Value Model for Tinder, correct?
- 12 A. I believe so.
- 13 | Q. And the Play Value Model you created showed that Tinder is
- 14 deriving 10 percent value while paying 30 percent, correct?
- 15 **A.** I -- I don't recall the exact percentages.
- 16 | Q. If you turn to -- let me try and refresh your
- 17 recollection.
- 18 If you turn to Exhibit 11110.
- 19 **A.** Okay.
- 20 **Q.** And on the very first page, you see there's an executive
- 21 summary.
- 22 **A.** I do.
- 23 **Q.** And if you go all the way down to the last sentence in the
- 24 | second sub bullet --
- 25 **A.** Oh, yeah, I see the 10 percent number that you referenced.

- 1 Q. Does this refresh your recollection that at the time,
- 2 | Tinder was deriving only 10 percent value while paying
- 3 | 30 percent?
- 4 A. Based on that early model, yes.
- 5 | Q. And the net value for Tinder was so negative that you
- 6 | believe Tinder was justified in its decision to adopt an
- 7 | alternative payment solution to avoid paying Google's
- 8 | 30 percent, right?
- 9 **A.** I don't -- I don't agree with that.
- 10 MR. EVEN: Your Honor, I would like to show the
- 11 | witness Exhibit 5809.
- 12 **THE COURT:** Which page?
- 13 MR. EVEN: 5809. It's an exhibit this time, not a
- 14 transcript.
- 15 THE COURT: Oh, Exhibit 5809.
- 16 MR. EVEN: And on 5809, I'm turning to the email at
- 17 | 1:54 p.m. all the way at the bottom of the page, the first
- 18 page.
- 19 **THE COURT:** 1:54 a.m. or p.m.?
- 20 MR. EVEN: 1:54 p.m. on the very first page, it's at
- 21 | the bottom, and the first sentence of that email.
- 22 **THE COURT:** Why are you asking me?
- 23 | MR. EVEN: I'm asking -- this is impeachment, Your
- 24 Honor.
- 25 THE COURT: That's fine. I mean, do you want to get

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it into evidence?
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              MR. EVEN: All right. I'll just get it into evidence,
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     Your Honor.
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     BY MR. EVEN:
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          Mr. Marchak, why don't you turn to Exhibit 5809.
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          I'm on it.
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          And do you recognize this to be an email exchange between
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     Q.
     yourself and others at Google dated June 7, 2019?
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     Α.
          Yes.
              MR. EVEN: Your Honor, I would like to move
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     Exhibit 5809 into evidence.
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              MS. CHIU: No objections.
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              THE COURT: It's admitted.
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                                   (Trial Exhibit 5809 received in
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                                    evidence.)
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     BY MR. EVEN:
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          Let's go now to the 1:54 p.m. from you, and you said minus
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     others, Purnima, Sarah: "This seems to justify Tinder's
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     decision."
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          Did I read that correctly?
          You read that correctly.
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          And you also believed that in addition to justifying
     Tinder's decision, based on the outcome of the Play Value
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     Model, Tinder's net value was so negative that the model
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results should not be shared with Tinder but should instead be

- 1 used only internally, right?
- 2 **A.** I may have. I don't recall it exactly.
- 3 Q. Okay. You don't recall. Then let's turn to that.
- And if you go up to the email at 6:04 p.m.
- 5 **A.** Is this the same exhibit?
- 6 Q. This is the same exhibit. And, sorry. I got the wrong
- 7 | time. It's not 6:04. Oh, there it is.
- 8 And you see you said, "In this case, I think Tinder is so
- 9 | negative that we'd only want to use internally."
- 10 Do you see that?
- 11 A. Sorry. I'm looking for the 6:04.
- 12 Q. Sir, it's the first page. You can also look at it on the
- 13 screen. It's available to you. Whatever is more convenient.
- Do you see that you say, "In this case, I think Tinder is
- 15 | so negative that we'd only want to use internally"?
- 16 **A.** Yes.
- 17 | Q. And the truth of the matter is you only wanted to use it
- 18 | internally because you believed that the results of the Play
- 19 | Value Model justified Tinder's position, correct?
- 20 A. I think I was saying I understood Tinder's decision and
- 21 | how this justifies the decision. I didn't say I thought I was
- 22 | agreeing with their decision.
- 23 Q. Sir, you said this seems to justify Tinder's decision,
- 24 right?
- 25 A. Tinder's decision.

- 1 Q. Okay. Now, in addition to saying this justifies Tinder's
- 2 decision, you also suggested -- and if you go to the same 6:04
- 3 | email -- you say you want to use it internally to potentially
- 4 | justify something closer to LRAP or better, correct?
- 5 A. I see that.
- 6 Q. And developers with an LRAP refers to the Living Room
- 7 Accelerator program, correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. And the Living Room Accelerator program was a program that
- 10 Google developed for streaming services, correct?
- 11 **A.** Media, video streaming, yes, correct.
- 12 **Q.** And very large media video streaming, correct?
- 13 | A. I think there were some size requirements. I don't know
- 14 | what you mean by "very large" versus large.
- 15 Q. Tinder was not a media streaming.
- 16 **A.** Tinder is not media streaming.
- 17 | Q. Now, developers who had agreements with Google under the
- 18 | LRAP program were not paying 30 percent at the time but,
- 19 | instead, were offered a special deal at 15 percent, correct?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 | Q. And so what you're saying here is: I think we need --
- 22 | this is so negative, we want to use this internally to
- 23 | potentially justify something that would give Tinder a
- 24 | 15 percent deal or better?
- 25 **A.** Yes. We think about the value we're creating for

- 1 developers all the time.
- 2 Q. That's what you thought at the time, right?
- 3 **A.** We --
- 4 | Q. And so if Google had offered Tinder a deal that was
- 5 | 15 percent or better, that would have cost Google tens of
- 6 | millions of dollars a year in lost fees, correct?
- 7 **A.** I think that's probably correct, given the size of Tinder.
- 8 We've since moved our subscription pricing to 15 percent.
- 9 Q. Sir, you have to answer my questions, and that wasn't part
- 10 of my question.
- 11 **A.** Oh, sorry.
- 12 Q. I move to strike that, and now we can deal with the actual
- 13 answer.
- 14 This would have -- your proposal would have cost Google
- 15 tens of millions of dollars per year, correct?
- 16 **A.** This line in the email, I don't -- this was an informal
- 17 | proposal, but, yes, this would have cost Google millions of
- 18 dollars.
- 19 Q. And you made that proposal based on the outcome of the
- 20 | Play Value Model that in fact precedes the Play Value Model
- 21 | that we've seen from August by a couple of months, correct?
- 22 | This is June of 2019.
- 23 **A.** Like, this is just an email. This wasn't a proposal.
- 24 | Q. Sir, your proposal to use the data to justify giving
- 25 | Tinder a 50 percent or more discount was based on the model as

- 1 | it stood back in June 2019, correct?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 | Q. And by the way, in this email, I don't see you saying to
- 4 Ms. Kochikar, "By the way, this is a very early version that's
- 5 | not yet developed, "right? You didn't say that?
- 6 A. I think Ms. Kochikar knew that.
- 7 | Q. Sir, you didn't say to Ms. Kochikar, "I don't think we
- 8 | should take these results seriously. This is a very early
- 9 | model that we're still refining"?
- 10 A. Yeah. The last conversation --
- 11 Q. You did not say that to her, correct? What you told her
- 12 was, "We need to give Tinder a 50 percent or higher discount,"
- 13 | correct?
- 14 A. I didn't say that in this email.
- 15 **Q.** And you did say, "We need to give Tinder a 50 percent or
- 16 | larger discount, " correct?
- 17 A. I -- I don't think I said 50 percent or larger.
- 18 Q. You said LRAP or better, correct?
- 19 **A.** Something closer to that.
- 20 Q. Sir, you said LRAP or better, not closer. You said LRAP
- 21 or better. It's on the page and on the screen.
- 22 **A.** The words are "Something closer to LRAP or better."
- 23 | Q. Okay. And LRAP is 50 percent. We've established that,
- 24 | right? It's a 50 percent discount?
- 25 **A.** 15 percent service fee.

- 1 Q. 15 percent service fee which is a 50 percent discount compared to what Tinder was paying?
- 3 A. We already had a 15 percent service fee on subscriptions
- 4 | after one year, so often it wasn't actually a 50 percent
- 5 discount.
- 6 Q. Sir, you said -- we just looked at that. Do we need to
- 7 | look at it again? -- that Tinder was paying 10 -- was paying 30
- 8 while deriving 10. Do you remember we looked at that?
- 9 A. Yeah, I remember. I thought you said LRAP was a
- 10 | 50 percent discount. And a lot of these weren't exactly
- 11 50 percent.
- 12 Q. Sir, why don't you turn back to Exhibit 11110. We used to
- 13 refresh your recollection with that earlier. You do recognize
- 14 | this document, correct?
- 15 **A.** I do.
- 16 **Q.** That's a document you participated in drafting, correct?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 MR. EVEN: Sir, I'd like to move Exhibit 11110 into
- 19 evidence, please.
- MS. CHIU: No objections.
- 21 **THE COURT:** It is admitted.
- 22 (Trial Exhibit 11110 received in
- evidence.)
- 24 BY MR. EVEN:
- 25 | Q. Sir, if we go to the second sub bullet on the first page,

- 1 | the same one we looked at earlier, there is language there that
- 2 you seem to have highlighted at the time, correct? It's bold,
- 3 you see?
- 4 A. In the second bullet?
- 5 Q. Sir, it's on your screen.
- 6 **A.** Oh, yes.
- 7 | Q. And that was bolded, correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. And that says, "Tinder is now deriving only 10 percent of
- 10 the revenue share value versus 30 percent they pay, " correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. And so LRAP was a 50 percent discount over 30 percent that
- 13 | Tinder was paying at the time, correct?
- 14 Sir, it's not hard math. 15 percent is --
- 15 A. I'm just trying to remember.
- 16 Q. -- 50 percent discount on 30 percent, correct?
- 17 **A.** If Tinder was using subscriptions, the 30 percent in bold
- 18 here might be inaccurate, but it's close to what you're saying.
- 19 | Basically, I just don't remember if Tinder was using
- 20 subscriptions at the time.
- 21 | Q. All right. Let's go back to slide 7 of 360.
- 22 Google's second intended use for Play Value Model was to
- 23 | inform the direction of internal strategy and strategy
- 24 planning, correct?
- 25 **A.** Yes.

- 1 | Q. And Google planned to use value model to inform major
- 2 | strategic projects within Google, correct?
- 3 **A.** This was a plan of how to use Play value, yeah.
- 4 | Q. And one of those strategic Google projects was called
- 5 | Magical Bridge?
- 6 **A.** Yes.
- 7 | Q. And Magical Bridge was a project that Google launched to
- 8 look at potential business model options for Google Play,
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 **Q.** So it looked at all kinds of pretty radical potential
- 12 changes to the entire structure of Google Play, correct?
- 13 | A. Correct.
- 14 Q. And the main problem that Magical Bridge was intended to
- 15 | examine was how to align value paid by developers with value
- 16 | received from Play, correct?
- 17 | A. I think that was definitely one of the things we
- 18 | considered in Magical Bridge.
- 19 Q. And that misalignment between value paid and value
- 20 received is exactly what the Play Value Model was trying to
- 21 | ascertain, correct?
- 22 A. I think the Play Value Model was just basically to
- 23 understand the value we were creating better, so it wasn't --
- 24 **Q.** And the value received, correct?
- 25 A. The value --

- 1 | Q. That's what we saw in --
- 2 A. The value received, we always kind of know that. It's
- 3 like a known service fee.
- 4 | Q. All right. So we looked at the bar charts, and that was
- 5 the goal of that model, correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 | Q. Another strategic Google project whose direction was
- 8 | informed by the Play Value Model was called Project Hug,
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. According to this slide.
- 11 **Q.** And Project Hug was originally known as Project Bear Hug,
- 12 | correct?
- 13 **A.** I think that was a very early name, yes.
- 14 Q. And you were a core member of the Google team working on
- 15 Project Hug?
- 16 A. At one point.
- 17 | Q. And you participated in identifying certain developers as
- 18 | priority developers for Project Hug?
- 19 **A.** I participated.
- 20 | Q. And in selecting developers to target for Project Hug, you
- 21 | believed that the value exchange was critical, correct?
- 22 | A. Yeah. I always believe the value exchange for developers
- 23 is critical.
- 24 | Q. And the tool that you've created to measure value exchange
- 25 | was the Play Value Model, correct? That's what we saw on the

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1 | Tinder documents, right?
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- 2 A. I mean, it's one tool, but I don't think it's, like, the
- 3 only way we look at this.
- 4 Q. And you told Ms. Kochikar that you believed that value
- 5 | exchange was critical for Project Hug, correct?
- 6 A. Wouldn't surprise me. I don't recall saying that, but
- 7 | that wouldn't surprise me.
- 8 Q. And Ms. Kochikar agreed with you that value exchange is
- 9 critical, correct?
- 10 A. Purnima -- Ms. Kochikar and I would both always agree that
- 11 developer value was critical.
- 12 Q. And in fact, Ms. Kochikar said that one of the goals of
- 13 Project Hug was to make sure that Google earns its 30 percent,
- 14 | correct?
- 15 **A.** I don't recall her saying that.
- 16 | Q. If you turn to PX 381, and if you look at the last line
- 17 | from Ms. Kochikar's email, does that refresh your recollection?
- 18 A. I don't think I have that document.
- 19 **THE COURT:** Which one is it? 381?
- 20 MR. EVEN: 381.
- 21 **THE COURT:** I have it.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Oh, you said "exhibit"? I thought you
- 23 | said "PX 381."
- MR. EVEN: Sorry. Exhibit 381.
- 25 **THE WITNESS:** Okay.

1 THE COURT: This is just for refreshment?

MR. EVEN: Yes, for now.

## BY MR. EVEN:

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- 4 Q. Do you see that -- does this refresh your recollection
- 5 | that Ms. Kochikar's focus was on making sure that Google is
- 6 | earning its 30 percent?
- 7 **A.** I see that, yeah.
- 8 Q. And looking into whether Google is earning the 30 percent
- 9 was the very goal of the Play Value Model, correct?
- 10 A. Yeah. I mean, I think we always -- you know, like, we've
- 11 | always wanted to earn our 30 and beyond.
- 12 Q. Another criteria for selecting developers for Project Hug
- 13 | was that Google believed these developers may forego Play,
- 14 | correct?
- 15 **A.** Yeah.
- 16 \ Q. And in this context, Google focused specifically on
- 17 developers that Google believed had already established some
- 18 | infrastructure to sell their apps outside of Play, correct?
- 19 A. I don't think that was the only focus for Project Hug.
- 20 **Q.** Sir, that was a threshold. You focused on people who
- 21 established some infrastructure to sell their apps outside of
- 22 | Play, correct?
- 23 A. Yeah, I don't recall it being, like, the only threshold.
- 24 | Q. I wasn't saying it's the only threshold. A threshold was
- 25 | you wanted to focus on people who established some

- 1 | infrastructure to sell their apps outside of Play?
- 2 A. My recollection is that developers that hadn't done that
- 3 were also included in Project Hug.
- 4 | Q. I see. But some of them you did think had established
- 5 | some infrastructure, correct?
- 6 A. Yes, correct.
- 7 | Q. And Riat was one of the app developers that considered
- 8 | going it alone and you believed had already formed some
- 9 infrastructure, correct?
- 10 **A.** Through some of the partner managers that worked with
- 11 | Riat, like, I have a recollection of that, but I never talked
- 12 | to Riat directly about that.
- 13 Q. If you go to PX 384. Sorry. Exhibit 384.
- 14 Hold on. We can't publish it yet, guys.
- Do you have 384, sir?
- 16 **A.** I do.
- 17 | Q. And this is a slide deck titled Games Velocity Program, et
- 18 | cetera, correct?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 | Q. And this was a slide deck that was prepared by Mr. Gambier
- 21 | (phonetic) on your team and that you received back in
- 22 | December 2020, correct?
- 23 **A.** That sounds right.
- 24 MR. EVEN: Your Honor, I'd like to move Exhibit 384
- 25 into evidence.

MS. CHIU: 1 No objections. THE COURT: It is admitted. 2 (Trial Exhibit 384 received in 3 evidence.) 4 5 BY MR. EVEN: And if you turn to slide 17 on 384. And this reflects 6 7 financial analysis of the investment Google made in Project Hug, correct? 8 Correct. 9 Α. And if we look at the top light green row marked Play Risk 10 11 Mitigation; do you see that? I do. 12 Α. And do you see that Google concluded at the time that 13 Project Hug would mitigate nearly \$1.7 billion in lost revenue 14 15 on Google Play from 2019 to 2022? 16 I think that's what that row seems to indicate. And if you go to the running costs for this, total cost to 17 Q. serve, that's all the way down, do you see that that amounts to 18 \$994,000,000? Correct? 19 Yeah, that looks right. 20 In other words, Google was planning, as of December 2020, 21 Q. to spend \$1 billion to prevent nearly 2 billion of business 22 23 from moving to other distribution channels, correct?

The costs I sort of characterize as co-investing with the

partners, and that looks like what's in the forecast,

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- 1 994 million of co-investment.
- 2 | Q. Okay. And Google has since actually paid that money out,
- 3 | correct, has spent that money?
- 4 A. I actually don't know exactly how close that forecast is
- 5 | because that's a big line there.
- 6 Q. And many of the Hug companies were those that we saw at
- 7 | the right-hand side, people who had poor value exchange under
- 8 | your Play Value Model, correct?
- 9 A. My -- like I said, I don't recall using the Play Value
- 10 | Model for the selection in that way. And my recollection just
- 11 | from what I recall on that slide, that it was a mix of
- 12 developers on both sides.
- 13 | Q. Sir, you said you always believe value exchange is
- 14 | crucial, right?
- 15 A. Hundred percent.
- 16 | Q. And you ran the Play Value Model on Hug developers,
- 17 | correct?
- 18 A. We ran it on all developers. I mean, I thought value
- 19 exchange was crucial before I had a Play Value Model.
- 20 **Q.** And in fact, the people on the right-hand side that you
- 21 | saw with the bars, most of them received Hug deals, correct?
- 22 A. I think those --
- 23 | Q. NCsoft, King, Mixie, all of these folks received Hug
- 24 | deals, correct?
- 25 **A.** Yeah, but I'm also looking at --

- 1 Q. Thank you.
- 2 A. -- developers on the left of that who were also receiving
- 3 core deals.
- 4 MR. EVEN: Thank you. I will pass the witness.
- 5 THE COURT: Okay. Pass the witness.
- 6 MS. CHIU: Chiu I proceed, Your Honor?

## CROSS-EXAMINATION

8 BY MS. CHIU:

- 9 Q. Good morning, Mr. Marchak.
- 10 **A.** Good morning.
- 11 Q. Just to clarify something that counsel was asking you
- 12 about, I think there might have been a little bit of confusion.
- 13 You were asked some questions about Tinder; do you
- 14 remember that?
- 15 **A.** I do.
- 16 | Q. Okay. Could you look in your binder at Exhibit 11110. I
- 17 | may have left out a 1 or added too many 1s. Towards the back
- 18 of your binder.
- 19 A. I think I have it, yes.
- 20 Q. Do you have that up?
- 21 **A.** I do.
- 22 Q. Now, counsel asked you about the line "Tinder is now
- 23 | deriving only 10 percent of the revenue share value versus the
- 24 | 30 percent they paid"; do you see that?
- 25 **A.** I do.

- Q. What did you understand that to mean?
- A. I understood that, you know, based on the early version of the model, that's what the model showed.

I also think the model that we built was intended -- often in my role, you know, as someone that represents the developers system and advocates for developers, I often will, like, try to show the developer perspective internally.

So a lot of that model was built on things that we thought represented the developer perspective. So I think that line to me represented that Tinder may have the perspective of this value difference, which may be some of the reason that they were, you know, asking questions to our partner manager, et cetera.

- Q. And in this document, there's a bullet point that counsel didn't ask you about right below the language we just looked at. Do you see that? It starts with "Note that the model does not yet incorporate."
- **A.** Yes.

- **Q.** Can you describe to the jury some of things that were not incorporated in the model that came to this analysis here?
- 21 A. Yeah. I mean, the model at the time, if I remember in 22 2019, we had like ten major components of value, and I think 23 only three of them were built into the model.

You know, we do all kinds of things for -- you know, tools for developers so that they can publish, reach users, update

their -- optimize their store listings, reply to user reviews,
things like that.

We do partnerships with them, co-marketing deals, fraud detection, things like that, to create privacy and trust in the Play Store. So there's a long list of things that are not even close to being in that model.

- Q. And so those were not incorporated into the model that led you to this 30 percent, 10 percent comparison; is that right?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. Okay. Let's look at Exhibit 5809.
- 11 **A.** Okay.

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- 12 **Q.** This is the email stream that you were asked about just a few minutes ago.
- 14 I'd like to direct your attention to your email at
  15 1:54 p.m. on June 6, 2019.
- 16 **A.** Yes.

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- Q. Can you explain to the jury what you meant when you said
  "This seems to justify Tinder's decision"?
- 19 A. I think if I even look back, there's -- in that email
  20 thread, there's different scenarios that, like, based on
  21 assumptions in the model, may have created different value
  22 exchanges. So it wasn't like there was one answer. There were
  23 a lot of assumptions that went into that model.

And I think we chose a version of that model here that was representing Tinder's point of view, and that's why I felt like

using that point of view seemed to justify their decision.

That's what I was referring to.

And you mentioned that you were looking at Tinder's position. What -- why would you do that in your role,

Mr. Marchak? Can you explain that?

A. Yeah. I mean, to manage the Play ecosystem, you know, we have to think about like there's three things: There's the Play users, Play developers, and Google, and those three things have to work together in order for the ecosystem to work well.

If we overly focus on Google's best interest or user best interest or developer best interest, it may not work for the other parties. Sometimes they all magically work. Sometimes there's trade-offs that have to be made.

Play partnerships team that I work with represents the developer interest. So often we advocate for those developers. We put ourselves in their shoes, try to understand their concerns, product issues they're facing, et cetera. It's like something I do on a day-to-day basis.

But in my role, you know, me and my team and the broader

- Q. I think that you said that there are various types of analysis or forms of this analysis regarding Tinder specifically. Did I hear that right?
- A. Yeah. We've gone through different permutations, making different assumptions; and depending on the assumptions, it can change quite a bit.

- Q. So let's look at Exhibit 360 in your binder. I know we spent a little bit of time on that already. And I'm
- 3 | specifically looking at slide 17.
- 4 And I realize that the font is quite small. There's a
- 5 | list of developers on the left side of this chart that's on
- 6 | that page; is that right?
- 7 **A.** Yes.
- 8 Q. And I see that there's Tinder and some numbers next to it.
- 9 Can you see that?
- 10 **A.** Yes.
- 11 Q. And hopefully we can blow that up a little bit larger for
- 12 you to see.
- 13 It might take a minute.
- Mr. Marchak, while we're doing that, can you explain what
- 15 | the information on this slide shows?
- 16 **A.** It looks to compare -- I don't know -- about 20 or so
- 17 developers and has what Google's rev share was -- I think this
- 18 | is, again, 2018 -- along with the Play value output using an
- 19 assumption, CPI versus LTV, and then shows how big that
- 20 assumption changes the Play value calculation.
- 21 | Q. And what does this chart show or tell you about the value
- 22 | regarding Tinder?
- 23 | A. I mean, the biggest takeaway is, based on whether you use
- 24 | the CPI model or LTE model, it would change the Play value
- 25 | calculation by \$44,000,000.

- 1 Q. And so this is different from the assumptions or the
- 2 analysis that we saw in Exhibit 5809; is that correct?
- 3 A. Yeah. It definitely looks to be a different outcome than
- 4 | what's in that email because this seems to show, depending
- 5 on -- you know, using the CPI model, that the Tinder value is
- 6 actually quite positive, is more than the Google revenue share.
- 7 Q. Now, Mr. Marchak, I think you were trying to explain this
- 8 | earlier, but at the time when you were looking at those emails,
- 9 what service fee was Tinder paying, if you recall?
- 10 **A.** I was trying to recall. Like, we -- our previous business
- 11 | model for subscription reduced the service fee from 30 percent
- 12 to 15 percent after one year.
- I believe Tinder used subscriptions, but honestly, I don't
- 14 recall. So, in which case I would -- based on my recollection,
- 15 I would assume that they were paying, you know, somewhat below
- 16 | 30 percent, but I wouldn't know the exact number.
- 17 **Q.** And what would Tinder be paying today?
- 18 A. Again, I don't know the exact mix of how much of their
- 19 | business is subscription versus IP billing, but our
- 20 subscription rate is -- we reduced it to 15 percent. And so I
- 21 | think Tinder would be paying something closer to 15 percent
- 22 today.
- 23 | Q. So if we just make a couple of assumptions here, if Tinder
- 24 | had a subscription in 2019, what would the service fee be then?
- 25 **A.** In 2019?

Q. Yes.

- 2 **A.** Depending on how long they were Tinder users, probably
- 3 29 percent, 28 percent, something in that range.
- 4 | Q. And what would they be paying a service fee for
- 5 subscriptions today?
- 6 A. 15 percent.
- 7 | Q. All right. Now, Mr. Marchak, let's go back to the Play
- 8 | Value Model, which we spent some time talking about already
- 9 today.
- Can you explain to the jury why you decided to start this
- 11 analysis?
- 12 A. Yeah. We -- honestly, like, I think the idea of how much
- 13 | value we create for developers and having a better pulse of
- 14 | that is something that, you know, is very akin to like the work
- 15 | that I would do on a day-to-day basis.
- I think the -- so the first time, I think, when Play --
- 17 | like, the service fee for app stores was announced, if you
- 18 | recall when Steve Jobs announced it, people clapped, developers
- 19 | clapped when they heard 30 percent because it was so different
- 20 | than what service fees were before app stores were available.
- 21 They used to have to pay -- developers used to have to pay a
- 22 | lot more. It was very hard to get distribution on devices.
- 23 And so at some point around, you know, this 2018, 2019
- 24 | frame, there was starting to get to be a few developers asking
- 25 questions, more questions about service fee, what we kind of

termed or coined internally as like an app tax meme. And so, you know, it was very natural for me to want to understand it

- 3 better and do more analysis of it.
- 4 Q. And was the Play Value Model intended to be a specific calculation or an exact science?
- 6 **A.** No.

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- 7 | Q. Okay. And can you explain to the jury why that is?
- 8 A. It's very complicated. I mean, we have 10 years, or
  9 15 years now, of different products and features that have been

9 | 15 years now, of different products and features that have been

10 built. So -- and, like, there's new stuff being built all the

time. And so all those things would adjust and tweak the

model. So because of that, like, it's very hard to have it be

13 | like a complete picture.

Also, this was started -- like, you know, a relatively small team at Google that represents developers started just organically to understand value. This was never like a top-down, like CC level, or anything like that, trying to understand the true value that Google creates for Play. That would have been a much bigger issue than where the Play Value

Model started.

Q. So, Mr. Marchak, if you could turn back to Exhibit 360 in the binder, this is a document that you were being asked about today.

I think you were mentioning that this was a version from August 8th, 2019. Can you just explain to the jury if this

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1 | analysis has evolved over time?
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- 2 THE COURT: These questions are calling for essay
- 3 answers. You need to put a finer point on it, break it down.
- 4 MS. CHIU: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 5 BY MS. CHIU:
- 6 Q. Mr. Marchak, this is an August 8th, 2019, version of the
- 7 | Play Value Model; is that right?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. Has this model changed over time?
- 10 **A.** Yes.
- 11 **Q.** And in what way?
- 12 A. There's been numerous evolutions of the model, most either
- 13 refining, improving some of the calculations, or adding some
- 14 | areas that we didn't -- weren't able to calculate in the first
- 15 | version in 2019.
- 16 **Q.** And so I'd like to direct your attention to some of the
- 17 | slides that you were asked about.
- 18 Could you look at slide 24.
- 19 **A.** Yes.
- 20 Q. And this is the FOP or form of payment value slide that
- 21 | you looked at earlier; do you remember that?
- 22 A. Yes, correct.
- 23 Q. And you mentioned that the payment or the FOP value varies
- 24 | widely by developer. Why is that the case?
- 25 | A. Depending on, you know, the markets that the developers

- 1 operate in and then depending what users, what payment types
- 2 users use in those markets; and even just, like, even within a
- 3 | market, developers skew different ways based on their
- 4 demographic of their users, et cetera. So just, it's not like
- 5 | a one-size-fits-all. Some markets very highly use gift cards
- 6 or highly use interior billing. Some are very credit card
- 7 based. Some are very PayPal based. So it changes by each
- 8 developer.
- 9 Q. Now, the numbers that are reflected on this slide, I know
- 10 the text is sideways, but it says cost and cost plus. Do you
- 11 | see that?
- 12 **A.** I do.
- 13 **Q.** What does that mean?
- 14 **A.** The "Cost" row is intended to represent, you know,
- 15 | assumption on Google's costs. And cost plus was saying that,
- 16 | the value created for developers is likely higher, that it's
- 17 | hard for developers to replicate, and so there's some increase
- 18 | in that -- in the cost -- from the "Cost" row down to the cost
- 19 plus model. That was -- those were assumptions made by my
- 20 | team. They weren't -- it wasn't a deep analysis.
- 21 **Q.** Mr. Marchak, is cost the same thing as value?
- 22 | A. I would say no.
- 23 | Q. And why not?
- 24 A. There's a difference. Like, if we're providing a -- like,
- 25 | if we're providing a service that costs us X amount of money

but for someone else to use it, they're saving them a different amount of costs, it's not always the same thing. You can create more value.

I think that's how a lot of businesses make money because they deliver things at a cost to them that is lower than the value that customers receive it at.

- Q. Now, you mentioned that this was an evolving model and didn't capture everything about Play value. Can we look at slide 27?
- 10 **A.** Okay.

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- 11 Q. Can you read the title slide for us?
- 12 A. "Reminder: Value model does not account for all the ways
- 13 | Play creates value."
- 14 Q. And can you explain what you understood that to mean?
- 15 A. Just that there's a lot of ways over 15 years of building
- 16 a pretty complex ecosystem that Play creates value for
- 17 developers. This slide highlights -- the dark blue highlights,
- 18 the model has three of those. Looks like ten-ish areas in
- 19 model.
- 20 Q. And you mentioned the colors. If I could direct your
- 21 attention to the text right under the title, it says, "Dark
- 22 | blue included in the Play Value Model."
- 23 Can you just explain how you interpret that information?
- 24 | A. Yeah. I don't know why we used dark blue and medium blue.
- But the dark blue are the things that I was asked about

1 | that were in the Play Value Model.

The medium blue are things we hadn't yet evaluated or included in the model.

- Q. And so just to be clear, this version of the Play Value Model only incorporates three of the things that are on this
- 6 | slide; is that right, Mr. Marchak?
- 7 **A.** That's correct.
- 8 Q. And some of these other ones, were you able to quantify
- 9 them at all?

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- 10 **A.** At the time, we weren't. I believe in future iterations,
- 11 | they've -- teams have added some of these, but I still don't
- 12 | think they've added all of them.
- 13 **Q.** Thank you, Mr. Marchak.
- So counsel just asked you about the Games Velocity Program
- or Project Hug; do you remember that?
- 16 **A.** Yes.
- 17 Q. And if you direct your attention to Exhibit 384, this was
- 18 a presentation entitled Games Velocity Program. And I'm going
- 19 | to turn to slide 17.
- Now, do you recall that counsel was asking about some of
- 21 | the numbers that appeared on this page?
- 22 **A.** I do.
- 23 Q. So the first number that you were asked about is the
- 24 | 1.78 million on the top row in green; do you see that?
- 25 **A.** I do.

- 1 Q. Mr. Marchak, did you prepare this number?
- 2 A. I did not.
- 3 Q. Do you know who did?
- 4 A. I don't recall.
- 5 **Q.** So you're not sure where that number came from, are you?
- 6 **A.** Not a hundred percent sure.
- 7 | Q. And then the next number that you were asked about is the
- 8 total cost to serve near the bottom of the chart, \$994,000,000;
- 9 do you see that?
- 10 **A.** I do.
- 11 **Q.** Did you prepare or calculate that number?
- 12 A. I did not.
- 13 Q. Do you know who did?
- 14 **A.** I would have -- I would imagine that these numbers came
- 15 | from our finance team, but I don't -- I don't know who on our
- 16 | finance team.
- 17 | Q. And so you don't know how that was calculated or
- 18 | projected, do you?
- 19 **A.** I don't.
- 20 MS. CHIU: No further questions at this time.
- 21 **THE COURT:** Okay. Any brief redirect?
- 22 MR. EVEN: Yes, Your Honor.
- 23 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 24 BY MR. EVEN:
- 25 | Q. First of all, about that last slide, that was a slide deck

- 1 from Gumbier on your team. Mr. Gumbier runs the day-to-day or
- 2 | ran in 2020 the day-to-day Hug; correct?
- 3 A. He program managed it, but he wouldn't have run these
- 4 financial numbers.
- 5 **Q.** I understand, but he ran the program at the time?
- 6 A. Program manager, yes.
- 7 Q. And so if he put something in a deck about the program,
- 8 | would you assume that he did his best to be accurate in what he
- 9 portrayed?
- 10 A. Yes, I would definitely say that.
- 11 Q. Okay. If you go back to Exhibit 360, and let's start on
- 12 | slide 26. Counsel showed you all these other things that you
- 13 | said you haven't calculated yet.
- 14 | A. Correct.
- 15 **Q.** The assumption here was the three drivers you did
- 16 | calculate account for the majority of quantifiable value,
- 17 | correct?
- 18 A. That's what the headline says but --
- 19 Q. Okay. Now, let's go back to slide 17. And on slide 17
- 20 you had some different assumptions that perhaps suggested
- 21 | flipped Tinder, correct?
- 22 **A.** Yeah, I was reading the rows on Tinder on slide 17.
- 23 | Q. Okay. But if you look at the row -- let's take from the
- 24 | top. NCsoft is very negative under either assumption, correct?
- 25 A. Yeah. This slide is focusing on --

- 1 Q. Sir, NCsoft is very negative on either assumption,
- 2 | correct?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. And King is very negative under either assumption,
- 5 | correct?
- 6 **A.** It's negative under either assumption.
- 7 **Q.** And so is Aniplex, correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 **Q.** And so is Netmarble, correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 **Q.** And so is Playrix, correct?
- 12 **A.** Did you say Playrix?
- 13 Q. I said, I'm sorry, Playrix.
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. Now, you talked also about the evolution of the model.
- So you understand that on August 13 of 2020, this
- 17 | litigation commenced, right?
- 18 **A.** Okay.
- 19 Q. Okay. So if you now go to Exhibit 939. And do you
- 20 recognize this document?
- 21 A. I have a vague recollection of this document but --
- 22 Q. Yes. Do you recognize this document, sir?
- 23 A. It's not super familiar.
- MR. EVEN: Let's please move that into evidence, Your
- 25 Honor.

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MS. CHIU:
 1
                         No objections.
                          It's admitted.
 2
              THE COURT:
                               (Trial Exhibit 939 received in
 3
                                evidence.)
 4
 5
     BY MR. EVEN:
          And you worked on this document, correct, Mr. Marchak?
 6
     Q.
          I don't recall working on this document.
 7
     Α.
          Well, if you turn to page 21, do you see there is a
 8
     notation there from you -- or to you, Michael Marchak, on
 9
     August 20 of 2020?
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11
          Yeah, I do. It looks like someone commented me into it,
     into that.
12
13
          Okay. And the next message is "There is a better one.
     I'll find it asap, " correct?
14
15
          Yes.
     Α.
          And that's a message from you, right?
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17
          This format is weird. It looks like it, but I don't know.
     Α.
18
          I understand. And if you then go to slide 18 -- slide 18
     from this exhibit, do you recognize this?
19
          This looks very much like the slide from the Play value
20
     deck that we looked over earlier.
21
          Exactly. So as of August 20, 2020, a week after the
22
     Q.
23
     litigation has commenced, Google was still using the same slide
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from the same Play Value Model that we had looked at from a

24

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year earlier, correct?

- 1 A. Yeah, it looks like somebody used a slide or copied
- 2 materials over from that deck.
- 3 Q. And the data has not changed here, correct?
- 4 A. It looks the same -- rounded, but, yeah, it looks the
- 5 same.
- 6 Q. And the only thing that changed is that a week after
- 7 | litigation against Google started, somebody decided to change
- 8 the heading from Total Value to Thought Exercise: Estimating
- 9 Developers' Perceived Value, right?
- 10 MS. CHIU: Objection, Your Honor. That's
- 11 | argumentative.
- 12 **THE COURT:** Overruled.
- 13 **THE WITNESS:** Again, this -- I don't -- I don't recall
- 14 | creating this deck. So I don't know what someone did. We
- 15 | shared decks, and people copy/paste all the time.
- 16 BY MR. EVEN:
- 17 | Q. Sir, you worked on this deck. We saw that already.
- 18 As of the date August 20, 2020, you still had not
- 19 quantified any other source of value that was worth more than
- 20 | \$.6 billion or it would have been on this slide, correct?
- 21 A. I -- I don't recall the timeline or the evolution of the
- 22 Play Value Model versus this deck.
- 23 | Q. Well, in fact, whether you recall it or not, you're not
- 24 | aware of any Play Value Model that was created before this
- 25 litigation began and that suggested different results than the

- 1 results that were reflected in Exhibit 360 we reviewed together
- 2 | during your direct, correct?
- 3 **A.** I'm not aware of the different models that were created.
- 4 Q. Sir, the truth is, pretty simple, in 2018, you took on a
- 5 | project to inquire whether Google is earning its 30 percent,
- 6 | correct?
- 7 **A.** I took on a project to understand Play value for
- 8 developers.
- 9 Q. Okay. And you did your very best to understand it,
- 10 | correct?
- 11 **A.** I think we got it to a point where there's some
- 12 interesting insights.
- 13 | Q. And your model showed that the answer to the question you
- 14 were asked, whether Google earns its 30 percent for hundreds of
- 15 | companies, is a resounding "no," correct?
- 16 **A.** No. I mean, in fact, the model shows we created a lot
- 17 | more value than we collected.
- 18 Q. Sir, for hundreds of companies, the answer whether Google
- 19 | was earning its 30 percent was "no," correct, under your model?
- 20 **A.** Out of a million developer ecosystem, there were, like,
- 21 | hundreds that were -- that that model showed a deficit.
- MR. EVEN: Thank you.
- No further questions.
- 24 THE COURT: Okay. You may step down.
- 25 Who do you have up next? Who do we have next?

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While we're sorting that out, let's rise and stretch.
 1
                         (Pause in proceedings.)
 2
              THE COURT: I've asked three times. What is the name
 3
     of the person who is coming next?
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 5
              MR. WIKTOR: Epic Games calls Christian Owens,
     Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: All right. Bring him in.
 7
          Okay.
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              THE CLERK: If you will stand and raise your right
 9
     hand.
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11
                            CHRISTIAN OWENS,
     called as a witness for the PLAINTIFFS, having been duly sworn,
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     testified as follows:
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              THE WITNESS: I do.
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              THE CLERK: Thank you. Please be seated.
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              MR. DIESSEL: May I proceed, Your Honor?
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              THE CLERK: Please state your full name for the Court
     and spell your last name.
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              THE WITNESS: Christian Owens, O-W-E-N-S.
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              THE COURT: Pull that a little closer to you.
                                                              Thanks.
21
          Okay. Go ahead.
                            DIRECT EXAMINATION
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     BY MR. DIESSEL:
23
          Good morning, Mr. Owens. Are you currently employed?
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25
     Α.
          I am.
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- 1 Q. By whom?
- 2 A. By Paddle.com.
- 3 Q. And what is Paddle.com?
- 4 **A.** Paddle creates billing and payments infrastructure for app
- 5 and software developers.
- 6 Q. And would it be okay if I referred to Paddle.com just as
- 7 | Paddle for purposes of the examination?
- 8 A. Oh, sure.
- 9 **Q.** Where is Paddle based?
- 10 A. Primarily in London.
- 11 **Q.** And what positions have you held at Paddle?
- 12 A. For the first 11 years of the life of the company, I
- 13 | founded the company and was the CEO; and for the last 6 or 7
- 14 | months, I've been the executive chairman.
- 15 Q. Where do you live, Mr. Owens?
- 16 **A.** I live in Bath, United Kingdom.
- 17 | Q. And what has brought you all the way out here this
- 18 | morning?
- 19 **A.** I was asked to be here.
- 20 Q. And why did you decide to take the time to travel out here
- 21 | to testify in this case?
- 22 **A.** I felt it was the right thing to do.
- 23 | Q. And do you have a high level understanding of the issues
- 24 | in this case?
- 25 **A.** High level, yes.

- 1 Q. And we'll get to this in a little bit more detail, but
- 2 briefly, how do those issues affect Paddle?
- 3 A. We obviously power commerce and payments for software
- 4 developers. Some of those software developers develop mobile
- 5 | applications for Android, and we have been developing a
- 6 | solution to enable those developers to take payments -- in-app
- 7 | purchase payments through Paddle but are prevented from doing
- 8 so.
- 9 Q. And what's preventing Paddle from doing so?
- 10 A. Today Google Play's terms of services for developers
- 11 expressly prohibit the usage of a third-party payment method.
- 12 **Q.** How did Paddle begin?
- 13 **A.** I started my first software company when I was 16 and ran
- 14 | into these challenges selling software internationally, and I
- 15 | started Paddle when I was 18 to try and address some of those
- 16 | problems and build a solution primarily for myself.
- 17 | Q. When was Paddle founded?
- 18 **A.** August 2012.
- 19 **Q.** And why did you found Paddle?
- 20 **A.** When I was running with a previous business and ran into
- 21 | some of these challenges of taking payments, I went in search
- 22 of a solution to that, something that would help us sort of
- 23 resolve those issues, and couldn't find anything that was both
- 24 | satisfactory and could be used by relatively small businesses.
- 25 | Q. Could you just describe what your responsibilities have

1 been at Paddle over the years?

A. Yeah. When I was CEO, ultimately, everything is sort of my responsibility, but primarily focused on the product that we build, kind of who our customers are and our strategy.

And as I transitioned into this new role, it's more of the same, but I think just at a higher level, more focused on strategy and less day-to-day operation.

- Q. And you just mentioned the Paddle product. What services does Paddle offer?
- A. Primarily, Paddle X is a reseller or merchant of record for software companies. So software companies are effectively selling their products to us, and we're reselling them on to a consumer. And as a part of that, we handle everything from payment processing to taxes and compliance and enabling these developers to take subscription payments or whatever it might be or an --
- **Q.** Are billing services among the services that Paddle provides to its customers?
- **A.** Yes.

- **Q.** And what are some of the billing services that Paddle 21 provides?
  - A. Taking payments around the world in a variety of different payment methods, dealing with currencies and currency exchange, being compliant with any kind of local laws and regulations with regard to taking payments, and then paying things like

- 1 local sales taxes in various jurisdictions on behalf of these
- 2 companies, as well as dealing with fraud and kind of risk and
- 3 customer service and things such as that.
- 4 | Q. A moment ago you referred to the term a merchant of
- 5 record. Can you describe to the jury what is a merchant of
- 6 record?
- 7 **A.** Yeah. A merchant of record is really any party who you're
- 8 | buying goods from. So it's the party in a transaction who is
- 9 ultimately responsible for the sale. So they're responsible
- 10 | for things like paying sales tax. They're responsible for kind
- 11 of providing customer billing related support, or if you want
- 12 to make a return or something like that, it's the merchant of
- 13 record who you go to in order to facilitate that.
- 14 Q. Today, what are the platforms on which Paddle offers its
- 15 services?
- 16 **A.** On the web and on to primarily desktop computers, PC and
- 17 Mac.
- 18 Q. Where around the world is Paddle's solution available?
- 19 **A.** We have customers in pretty much every kind of
- 20 | non-sanctioned country in the world.
- 21 | Q. How many currencies does Paddle's solution support
- 22 | presently?
- 23 A. I believe it's around 30.
- 24 Q. And can you just give some examples of the sorts of
- 25 | payment methods that Paddle accepts for payments within its

solution?

- A. Yeah. So kind of as you'd expect, credit, debit cards, kind of Visa, Mastercard, things such as that; a variety of wallets, like PayPal, Apple Pay, Google Play; and then a range of what we call local payment methods that are kind of heavily used in specific markets, so kind of ideal for benevolence and things like that.
  - Q. Does Paddle actually process the payments itself?
- 9 A. No. We partner with another payment processor and PSPs in order to facilitate that.
- **Q.** You've spoken a little bit about some of the things
  12 Paddle's solutions -- solution does. Can you give a real-world
  13 example of how a developer might use Paddle's solution to power
  14 a transaction?
  - A. Yeah. So imagine you're purchasing a subscription for a product that you use, a productivity tool or a note-taking app, kind of. And you're a developer and you're selling that product and you do it all around the world.

And you go onto the website of this product and you click "buy." Really Paddle handles everything from that moment at which you click "buy" to when the consumer is able to use the product, and building that experience in every different country that the developer may wish to sell in without them necessarily having to go through the considerable amount of work in order to build that infrastructure themselves.

- 1 Q. How many employees does Paddle have today?
- 2 **A.** Approximately 300, 350.
- 3 | Q. And roughly how many financial transactions has Paddle
- 4 | processed since it was founded?
- 5 **A.** I always struggle to give an accurate number, but tens
- 6 of -- tens of millions.
- 7 | Q. And can you explain how Paddle makes money?
- 8 A. We take a small percentage on each transaction that we
- 9 process.
- 10 Q. What amount does Paddle charge?
- 11 **A.** By default, we charge 5 percent of the value of the
- 12 | transaction and 50 cents every time a transaction occurs.
- 13 **Q.** Do all Paddle customers pay the same price?
- 14 A. No, they do not.
- 15 Q. And can you describe the circumstances in which Paddle
- 16 | might offer different prices?
- 17 **A.** Yeah. There tends to be two.
- One is if the business is sufficiently large and kind of
- 19 pushes -- wants to push a considerable amount of transaction
- 20 | volume through us, in order to be competitive with other
- 21 | providers, we have to negotiate pricing with them.
- 22 The second instance is for what we call microtransactions.
- 23 | So these are transactions typically below \$10 in value where
- 24 | the 50-cent portion of our fee becomes sort of somewhat
- 25 | prohibitive for the -- if you're selling a 99-cent product, for

1 example, 50 cents each up a relatively large chunk of that.

- 2 Q. And so how might Paddle structure the pricing for what you
- 3 refer to as a microtransaction?
- 4 **A.** Typically, it's around 10 percent or lower.
- 5 Q. And what efforts does Paddle undertake to ensure that its
- 6 | solution is secure?
- 7 **A.** We take numerous efforts. Categories in two groups.
- One is the security of the actual platform itself. We have an incredibly capable information security team who works on that side of things.
- And I'd say the second element is really the security for consumers. So for us, that means ensuring that the products
- 13 that we sell are what they say they are, that a customer is
- 14 getting what they're expecting, that the products themselves
- are safe and free from kind of anti -- like, viruses or malware
- or things like that. And we have both technology and a team of
- people who work on that side as well.
- 18 Q. Does Paddle offer any anti-fraud protections as part of
- 19 | its solution?
- 20 **A.** We do, yes.
- 21 | Q. And can you just briefly describe those?
- 22 **A.** We work with a number of third parties to do kind of
- 23 | transaction scoring. So we look at various sort of facets of a
- 24 | transactions from where the customer is based versus the bank
- 25 | account where they're paying from and a number of other

attributes around the transaction. And either we or a third

party determines the potential risk that that transaction might

be fraudulent, for example, somebody using a stolen credit card

or the like, and we block those transactions.

- Q. And can you just briefly describe what sorts of -- sort of customer support services Paddle provides to its customers?
- A. Yeah. So every time that a -- so we have two rounds of customer supports. We have support for developers, and then we have support for the kind of end consumers that are buying the products as well.

For developers, that is a team of people that work with them both from a business context and a technical context, on how to really come at these solutions and kind of go to market with Paddle.

From a consumer context, every transaction that happens through Paddle, when you receive a receipt or the phone number that appears on your credit card statement alongside it, customers can get in touch with us and a team of people that we have to get support around the transaction.

- Q. Roughly how many customers use Paddle's payment solution for collecting payments today?
- 22 A. It's in the region of about 4500 to 5,000 businesses.
- **Q.** And what types of businesses are Paddle's customers?
- **A.** It's a range. I would say the majority, by number, are B-to-B companies, so companies building products and selling

- 1 | them to other businesses. Kind of the next selection is kind
- 2 of consumer, so people selling products to consumers. And a
- 3 very small sort of sliver of our business is games.
- 4 | Q. And would you mind just giving a couple examples of
- 5 | current Paddle customers?
- 6 A. Yeah. I'm not sure if anybody will have heard of them.
- 7 | So on the kind of consumer side, we have products like Nord VPN
- 8 or AutoTune, the thing that some people use in songs. And then
- 9 on the game side, we have games like Geoguesser.
- 10 **Q.** Mr. Owens, how many years have you been in the payments
- 11 industry?
- 12 **A.** 11 or 12.
- 13 Q. In connection with your responsibilities at Paddle, do you
- 14 | monitor developments within the payment industry?
- 15 **A.** Yes.
- 16 | Q. And in connection with your responsibilities, do you keep
- 17 | abreast, at a high level, of other payment solutions?
- 18 **A.** Yes, absolutely.
- 19 Q. Have you become familiar, at a high level, with what
- 20 developers pay for services on Google Play Billing?
- 21 **A.** Yes.
- 22 Q. And have you become familiar at a high level with the
- 23 | billing services that Google offers as part of Google Play
- 24 | Billing?
- 25 **A.** Yes, I have.

- 1 | Q. So what amount does Google charge for transactions on
- 2 | digital goods with Google Play Billing?
- 3 A. I believe between 15 and 30 percent.
- 4 | Q. And what does Google charge in the scenario where Google
- 5 | Play is used to distribute an app to a user, but the user
- 6 doesn't make any transaction for digital goods?
- 7 **A.** Nothing.
- 8 Q. So what's the triggering event for a developer to pay
- 9 Google the 15 to 30 percent fee that you described?
- 10 **A.** Processing a transaction for a digital product or
- 11 | purchase.
- 12 Q. And for Paddle, what's the triggering event for a
- 13 developer to pay Paddle its service fee?
- 14 **A.** Selling a digital product or software.
- 15 | Q. So how does Paddle's pricing compare to what developers
- 16 | pay for Google Play Billing on a per transaction basis?
- 17 **A.** Typically, it's substantially cheaper.
- 18 Q. I'm sorry. I didn't catch that.
- 19 **A.** Typically, it's substantially cheaper than they would pay
- 20 on Google Play.
- 21 Q. And how do Paddle services compare to the types of billing
- 22 | services that Google offers through Google Play Billing?
- 23 **A.** There are some minor differences around the edges, but at
- 24 | core, I believe the products are largely comparable, and in
- 25 some instances, I think Paddle offers a stronger solution.

- 1 Q. Can you give some examples of the types of billing
- 2 services that both Paddle and Google Play Billing perform?
- 3 **A.** Kind of an array of different payment methods that people
- 4 can Play with, different currencies that are supported, the
- 5 | ability to kind of take subscription payments, local compliance
- 6 and taxes and so forth.
- 7 Q. Are there any areas where Paddle's solution outperforms
- 8 Google's?
- 9 **A.** I believe there are a number. I would say our
- 10 subscription management and kind of flexibility of the platform
- 11 | with regards to kind of how developers can charge customers, I
- 12 | would say that the Paddle is sort of a more robust solution in
- 13 | that way.
- 14 Q. Are you familiar with the term "cross platform support" in
- 15 | the payments industry?
- 16 A. Broadly, yes.
- 17 | Q. And what does cross platform support mean?
- 18 A. A payment method or a mechanism of paying that would be
- 19 | available across different platforms or devices. So kind of
- 20 Android, Mac, PC, the web, and so forth.
- 21 | Q. And what does Paddle's solution offer with respect to
- 22 | cross-platform support?
- 23 **A.** You use the same Paddle everywhere. So whether you're
- 24 developing for the web, for a Mac, for PC, for desktop devices,
- 25 whatever it may be, you're using the same infrastructure in

- 1 order to kind of complete that transaction.
- 2 | Q. How does that compare to Google Play Billing?
- 3 A. As far as I'm aware, Google Play Billing is only available
- 4 | for apps downloaded from the Play Store and Android.
- 5 | Q. Does Google Play Billing offer any billing services that
- 6 | you think are important to your customers but that Paddle
- 7 | doesn't offer?
- 8 A. I don't believe so.
- 9 Q. So in the event that a customer were to ask Paddle for a
- 10 | feature that Paddle currently doesn't support, what would
- 11 Paddle do?
- 12 A. We would typically take the feedback on board. We would
- 13 | evaluate whether said feature is something that we believe is
- 14 | applicable to more people than maybe just the one customer,
- 15 | there's kind of demand for it elsewhere. And if there was,
- 16 | we'd probably put it on our road map and seriously consider
- 17 | building it.
- 18 | THE COURT: Okay. We're going to take our morning
- 19 break. We're going to come back at about 11:20.
- 20 | Careful on your way down. It's very steep.
- 21 **THE WITNESS:** Thank you.
- 22 (Recess 11:01 a.m.-11:23 a.m.)
- 23 **THE COURT:** Okay. Go ahead.
- 24 BY MR. DIESSEL:
- 25 Q. Welcome back, Mr. Owens.

Before we broke, we were just discussing some of the features of Paddle's solution.

What are some examples of additional features that Paddle has implemented in response to requests from customers?

A. There's pretty regular ones. For example, adding new payment methods or currencies that customers ask for. We do that relatively frequently.

A big example was some strong demand from customers for more flexible subscription billing options, so the ability to bill in different ways; and that is a product that we built over the last year and launched recently, pretty much exclusively kind of predicated on customer feedback.

- Q. Overall, how would you compare Paddle's solution today to
  Google Play Billing?
- **A.** I'd say it's very comparable. In some instances, more competitive or better for certain customers.
- Q. Is Paddle's solution available today for use within native
  Android apps downloaded from the Google Play Store?
- **A.** No.

- **Q.** Why not?
- 21 A. Because we are prohibited from doing so through Google's
  22 developer terms of service.
- **Q.** Mr. Owens, I'm going to show you a document now.
- Could you please open the binder in front of you. There should only be one document in there. It's Exhibit 8022.

- 1 **A.** Yes.
- 2 Q. And Exhibit 8022, that's already in evidence, but can you
- 3 | just go ahead and turn to the page ending in 039.
- 4 **A.** Yes.
- 5 | Q. I'd like to direct you to section 2 in particular.
- 6 Do you recognize what you're looking at?
- 7 **A.** I do, yes.
- 8 Q. And can you describe what that is?
- 9 A. This is, I believe, Google Play Billing's or Google Play's
- 10 developer terms of service. And section 2 is the section that
- 11 refers to payments, where it says, "Downloads from Google Play
- 12 | must use Google Play's Billing system as the method of
- 13 payment."
- 14 Q. And is that the policy that prevents Paddle's solution
- 15 | from being used for purchase of digital goods within Android
- 16 | apps downloaded from Google Play?
- 17 **A.** Yes.
- 18 Q. As founder and chairman of Paddle and someone who has been
- 19 | in the payments industry for over a decade, do you like this
- 20 policy?
- 21 **A.** I do not.
- 22 **Q.** Why not?
- 23 A. We've had a lot of demand from developers to offer our
- 24 services on Android and Google Play, and this expressly
- 25 | prohibits our ability to do so.

- 1 Q. Does Paddle want to offer a version of its solution for
- 2 | use within native Android apps downloaded on Google Play?
- 3 **A.** Absolutely, yes.
- 4 **Q.** Why?
- 5 **A.** I think, one, it's a great business opportunity for us;
- 6 and, two, we have existing customers who develop their products
- 7 | for multiple platforms; and today, they find themselves in a
- 8 | situation where they have to use different billing systems on
- 9 | those different platforms and deal with the overhead and
- 10 infrastructure of that for relatively arbitrary reasons.
- 11 Q. How long would it take Paddle to develop a solution for
- 12 use within native Android apps downloaded from the Google Play
- 13 Store?
- 14 A. Given the infrastructure that we built over the last
- 15 decade, and the vast majority of that would be reused for this,
- 16 | I estimate somewhere in the region of 2 to 4 weeks.
- 17 | Q. If Paddle were able to offer a solution for use in native
- 18 | Android apps downloaded from the Play Store, what would Paddle
- 19 charge?
- 20 **A.** Our typical standard pricing.
- 21 **Q.** And can you just remind us what that is?
- 22 | A. By default, 5 percent plus 50 cents on transactions sort
- 23 | of greater than \$10, and then that microtransaction pricing of
- 24 | 10 percent or less per transactions smaller than that.
- 25 Q. And if Paddle were able to offer a solution for use in

- 1 | native Android apps downloaded from the Play Store, how would
- 2 | those services compare to Paddle's existing solution available
- 3 today?
- 4 | A. We would aim to have complete parity with the solution
- 5 | that we offer. We'd offer the same solution, effectively.
- 6 Q. So if permitted, would Paddle offer its solution in
- 7 | Android mobile apps downloaded from the Google Play Store?
- 8 A. Yes, we would.
- 9 MR. DIESSEL: Thank you. I pass the witness.
- 10 **THE COURT:** All right. The witness is passed.
- 11 MR. RAPHAEL: May I proceed, Your Honor?
- 12 **THE COURT:** Yes.

#### CROSS-EXAMINATION

- 14 BY MR. RAPHAEL:
- 15 Q. Mr. Owens, you told this jury that you're here because it
- 16 | was the right thing to do; do you recall that?
- 17 **A.** Yes.

- 18 | Q. That's not true, is it, Mr. Owens?
- 19 **A.** I believe it is the right thing to do.
- 20 | Q. Well, Paddle has an interest in who wins this lawsuit,
- 21 doesn't it?
- 22 **A.** Yes, we do.
- 23 | Q. And Paddle has a financial interest in Epic winning this
- 24 | lawsuit, doesn't it?
- 25 | A. We have a financial interest in being able to compete in

- 1 | the Play Store with our solution.
- 2 Q. Well, if Epic wins this lawsuit, you think you may be able
- 3 | to earn at Paddle tens or even hundreds of millions of dollars;
- 4 | isn't that right?
- 5 A. That would be my hope. I don't necessarily know that we
- 6 | would be successful, but I'd hope we'd be able to compete for
- 7 | it.
- 8 Q. In fact, Paddle is already highly profitable?
- 9 **A.** No.
- 10 Q. Hasn't Paddle's profit margin been increasing over time?
- 11 **A.** Our gross margin has been increasing over time, yes.
- 12 | Q. And Paddle's average profit margin on a transaction is now
- 13 | about 50 percent, isn't it?
- 14 A. Can you define "profit margin"? I'm sorry.
- 15 | Q. Well, sir, what is Paddle's average margin on a
- 16 | transaction on the Paddle platform? It's 50 percent, isn't it?
- 17 **A.** Our gross margin, yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. And Paddle earns a 50 percent profit margin, even
- 19 | though it has hundreds of competitors, right?
- 20 **A.** 50 percent gross margin, yes.
- 21 | Q. And it's your projection that over the next five years,
- 22 | you expect Paddle's profit margin to get as high as 60 percent,
- 23 | right?
- 24 A. We hope so, yes.
- 25 | Q. And at a profit margin of 60 percent, Paddle would still

- 1 | have substantial competition, wouldn't it?
- 2 **A.** Yes.
- 3 | Q. Now, Paddle charges its customers a percentage of what its
- 4 | customers sell using Paddle, right?
- 5 **A.** Yes.
- 6 Q. And charging a percentage of the sales that Paddle's
- 7 | customers make aligns Paddle's incentives with its customers
- 8 | incentives, right?
- 9 A. Yeah, I hope so.
- 10 Q. You might say that when Paddle -- Paddle only makes money
- 11 | when its customers make money, right?
- 12 **A.** Yes.
- 13 | Q. Now, you testified, I think, that Paddle's billing
- 14 | solution is available on PC and Mac, right?
- 15 **A.** Among other places like the web, yes.
- 16 **Q.** But it's true, in fact, that today, Paddle is providing
- 17 | in-app billing services for some in-app purchases on Android;
- 18 | isn't that right?
- 19 A. Not officially. I think we have some customers who may be
- 20 doing that on their own.
- 21 | Q. Paddle certainly is free today to provide in-app billing
- 22 | services for apps that have been sideloaded on Android devices;
- 23 | isn't that right?
- 24 **A.** Yes.
- 25 | Q. And you have a number of customers who use Paddle in-app

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on sideloaded applications, right?
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          I don't know if we do or how many specifically.
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              MR. RAPHAEL: Your Honor, could -- I'd like to read
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     from page 60, line 22, to page 61, line 4.
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              THE COURT: Which lines?
              MR. RAPHAEL: Page 60, line 22, to page 61, line 4.
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          Paddle in-app on sideloaded applications, yes."
          You were asked those questions and you gave those answers
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- 1 **A.** Yes.
- 2 Q. Now, for businesses, PayPal is purely a payment processor,
- 3 | right?
- 4 | A. I'm not sure of the full range of services, but I think
- 5 | that's one of their primary kind of things that they do.
- 6 Q. Well, in fact, Paddle has described PayPal as purely a
- 7 | payment processor; isn't that right?
- 8 A. I don't know.
- 9 MR. RAPHAEL: Okay. I'd like to read from page 84 of 10 the deposition, line 17 to 19, Your Honor.
- 11 **THE COURT:** Okay.
- MR. RAPHAEL: Can we put that on the screen, please?
- 13 Q. So I asked you at your deposition:
- 15 processor?"
- 16 And you answered:
- 17 **"A.** For businesses, yes."
- 18 You were asked that question and you gave that answer
- 19 | under oath, correct?
- 20 **A.** Yes.
- 21 **Q.** And Stripe is a payment processor, correct?
- 22 **A.** Among other services, yes.
- 23 | Q. But you wouldn't describe Paddle as a payment processor,
- 24 right?
- 25 A. No, I wouldn't.

- 1 Q. And I think you said that Google Play Billing and Paddle
- 2 | are broadly similar or comparable, right?
- 3 **A.** From a functionality perspective, I believe so.
- 4 | Q. And so you wouldn't describe Google Play Billing as a
- 5 payment processor either, would you?
- 6 A. I believe the business model is similar to ours in that
- 7 it's a merchant of record.
- 8 Q. Right. And so the business model of Google Play Billing
- 9 is broader than payment processing, just like Paddle's, right?
- 10 **A.** Yes.
- 11 Q. Now, I think you testified that based on your industry
- 12 knowledge, you are familiar with Google Play Billing, right?
- 13 **A.** Yeah.
- 14 Q. And I think you testified that Google Play Billing doesn't
- 15 offer any services that you're aware of that Paddle doesn't
- 16 offer, does it?
- 17 | A. I'm sure -- I think I said that I'm sure there were some
- 18 | around the edges sort of for billing services specifically, but
- 19 I don't know exactly what those are.
- 20 **Q.** Okay. Well, let's just take an example. Paddle doesn't
- 21 offer any parental controls, does it?
- 22 **A.** No.
- 23 Q. And Paddle doesn't have a feature that enables users to
- 24 | set spending budgets?
- 25 **A.** No, we do not.

- 1 | Q. And Paddle doesn't offer the ability for users to save
- 2 | their payment information for purchases from different
- 3 developers?
- 4 **A.** No.
- 5 | Q. But Google Play does offer the ability for users to do
- 6 | that, doesn't it?
- 7 A. I believe so, yes.
- 8 Q. Now, when Paddle charges a fee on transactions, Paddle is
- 9 charging for more than just payment processing; isn't that
- 10 | right?
- 11 **A.** We're charging for kind of the process of being the
- 12 merchant of record.
- 13 Q. Right. And the merchant of record service that Paddle
- 14 | provides is broader than payment processing, correct?
- 15 **A.** It's also reselling the product to a consumer, yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. So when Paddle charges a fee on transactions,
- 17 | Paddle is charging for more than payment processing, isn't it?
- 18 **A.** Yes.
- 19 **Q.** And in some circumstances, Paddle charges higher fees than
- 20 PayPal, right?
- 21 **A.** I believe for certain transactions, yes.
- 22 Q. And when Paddle charges higher fees than PayPal, that's
- 23 | because Paddle provides a broader set of services, right?
- 24 **A.** Yeah.
- 25 \ Q. And for some transactions, Paddle charges more than

- 1 Stripe, right?
- 2 A. I think so, yes.
- 3 Q. And where Paddle charges more than Stripe, that's because
- 4 | Paddle is providing a broader set of services than just payment
- 5 | processing, right?
- 6 When you offer more, Mr. Owens, it makes sense to charge
- 7 | more, doesn't it?
- 8 A. In some circumstances, yes.
- 9 Q. Now, you said that, I think, Google Play generally charges
- 10 between 15 and 30 percent.
- 11 **A.** For transactions, yes.
- 12 | Q. And you said that Paddle, if they would launch on Android
- 13 | through Google Play, would charge less?
- 14 A. Yeah, if we were allowed to.
- 15 | Q. But Paddle doesn't have a user-facing app store, does it?
- 16 **A.** No.
- 17 | Q. Paddle hasn't taken any steps to build a user-facing app
- 18 | store, has it?
- 19 **A.** No, not in recent years.
- 20 **Q.** But Google Play does offer an app store, doesn't it?
- 21 **A.** Yes.
- 22 | Q. And Google Play does more than just process payments,
- 23 | correct?
- 24 **A.** Yes.
- MR. RAPHAEL: I have no further questions.

THE COURT: Okay. Any brief redirect?

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

### BY MR. DIESSEL:

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- Q. Mr. Owens, if I could just ask you a few questions.
- 5 You were asked a moment ago about PayPal and what they
- 6 | charge. What's the most that Paddle ever charges for use of
- 7 | its solution -- for use of its payment solution?
- 8 A. It is the lesser of 10 percent or 5 percent and 50 cents.
- 9 Q. So, Mr. Owens, you were asked some questions about
- 10 | Paddle's profit margin on digital transactions, right?
- 11 **A.** Yes.
- 12 Q. And I think you said that Paddle's profit margin on its
- 13 | transactions is around 50 percent today, is that right?
- 14 A. Our gross margin, yes.
- 15 Q. Right. And so can you just explain to the jury the
- 16 difference between gross margin and net margin?
- 17 **A.** Yeah. So when a transaction occurs, we obviously make
- 18 | that 5 percent and 50 cents of revenue.
- 19 We then pay out to those sort of payment providers, for
- 20 example, that we mentioned, and it costs us some money to kind
- 21 of deal with the taxes and things like this.
- 22 After we pay for all of those things, we retain about
- 23 | 50 percent of the money. As a company as a whole, we're
- 24 unprofitable.
- 25 | Q. Okay. And so just to make sure I have this right, the

- 1 | 50 percent margin figure that you talked about, is that
- 2 | Paddle's gross margin or net margin?
- 3 A. Gross.
- 4 | Q. And can you just ballpark Paddle's net margin, please?
- 5 **A.** It's a negative number, kind of -- I don't know.
- 6 Q. So you were also asked some questions about the
- 7 | characteristics of Paddle's solution and how they compare to
- 8 Google; do you recall that?
- 9 **A.** Yes.
- 10 Q. Do you know whether Google has expressed any interest in
- 11 | using Paddle's solution?
- 12 **A.** Yes, they have.
- 13 Q. And how did that come up?
- 14 A. I believe that they got in touch with us, looking for a
- 15 | merchant of record solution like Paddle for one of their
- 16 | products within Google.
- 17 **Q.** And when did that come up, Mr. Owens?
- 18 A. I don't know the exact dates. In the last 6 to 12 months.
- 19 Q. And do you know how Google would be using Paddle's
- 20 | solution in that scenario?
- 21 **A.** I have a broad understanding.
- Google, I believe, has a product that they give to
- 23 | publishers, like the newspapers and things like this, for their
- 24 online versions. And they were looking for a solution for a
- 25 | product called Off the Wall, which is when you get that

- 1 | relatively annoying pop-up asking you to subscribe to a
- 2 | newspaper, the ability for a person who's reading that to
- 3 purchase just access to the one article they want to read
- 4 | rather than having to sign up for a subscription.
- 5 | Q. And did Google conduct any kind of evaluation of Paddle's
- 6 | solution?
- 7 **A.** Yes.
- 8 Q. And what was the results of -- pardon me.
- 9 What were the results of that evaluation?
- 10 **A.** I believe that they looked at a number of kind of vendors.
- 11 | Sort of heavily competitive space that we're in. They looked
- 12 at a number of vendors. They narrowed it down to Paddle, and
- 13 then are proceeding on a technical kind of implementation of
- 14 | the solution into kind of this Google product.
- 15 Q. So how does Paddle's solution that Google is interested in
- 16 | compare to what Paddle wants to offer for use in Android apps
- 17 | downloaded on Google Play Billing?
- 18 **A.** The solution is identical, just where we're actually
- 19 giving users access to it. In this instance, it's for on the
- 20 web, when you browse to a website and kind of get one of these
- 21 | payrolls, the solution that we would kind of be providing to
- 22 developers would be identical. It would just be on a native
- 23 Android application rather than on the web.
- 24 Q. And do you recall being asked about Paddle's interest in
- 25 | this litigation?

A. Yes.

- 2 Q. What is Paddle's interest in this litigation?
- 3 A. Only that we wish to be able to compete on offering a
- 4 | solution for Google Play.
- 5 | Q. And why do you think Paddle could potentially make money
- 6 | in the scenario where Paddle is able to compete?
- 7 **A.** I hope that we would be able to make money. I think in
- 8 the instance that the Play Store is opened up in a way that
- 9 allows Paddle to compete, it allows probably a hundred other
- 10 companies to compete as well, I'm pretty confident in the
- 11 | product that we built, that we spent a lot of time building
- 12 | over the years, and I hope that we'd be able to attract kind of
- 13 | a reasonable number of developers who decide to use Paddle in
- 14 | their apps on Google Play rather than the kind of native Play
- 15 billing.
- 16 MR. DIESSEL: Thank you, Mr. Owens.
- I have no further questions.
- 18 **THE COURT:** Any questions, jury? No.
- 19 Okay. Careful on the way down.
- 20 (Witness excused.)
- 21 **THE COURT:** Who is next?
- 22 MR. BORNSTEIN: Your Honor, our next witness,
- considering the British theme for the morning, is going to be
- 24 by deposition.
- 25 **THE COURT:** Okay.

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         MR. BORNSTEIN:
approximately 50 minutes, 5-0. And we have a number of
exhibits that will be used with the witness. I understand
there are no objections to the exhibits. I thought it would be
helpful to get them in first.
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         THE COURT:
deposition witness. It's going to be on video. All right.
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remember the instruction I gave you at the beginning:
Testimony has the same force and effect as if that person were
sitting right here with us in court. Okay? It's just you're
going to watch them on the screen.
     Let's see. How many exhibits are there?
        MR. BORNSTEIN:
                        There are six, Your Honor.
         THE COURT: Just pass them out. Okay.
        MR. BORNSTEIN: Oh, copies? Hard copies?
         THE COURT: Yeah, you might as well. If you have
them.
      If you don't have them, that's fine.
         UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We don't think we have enough.
         THE COURT:
                    That's fine.
     When I have video depositions, I like to pass out the hard
copies, but they don't know that because they're new to the
courtroom. So you're just going to have to follow on the
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         MR. BORNSTEIN: Your Honor, we will have the document
side-by-side with the witness's face. So hopefully the jury
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11370 received in evidence.)

MR. BORNSTEIN: Thank you, Your Honor.

(Video deposition of Richard Watts was played but not reported.)

THE COURT: Let's take our lunch break. We'll be 25

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(Luncheon recess was taken at 12:13 p.m.)

### AFTERNOON SESSION

12:49 p.m.

MR. POMERANTZ: Well, we have the Spotify issue, Your Honor, and I informed Mr. Bornstein that we -- we are not intending to offer it ourselves, but I think they do still want to offer it, so I think the ball is in their court.

THE COURT: Okay. What is it you'd like to do, Epic?

MR. HUESTON: Good afternoon, Your Honor. John

Hueston for Epic Games.

I think the only issue here, there's been no issue as to relevance brought up by the parties. It's just a matter of whether there should be sealing on the exact percentage that Spotify is paying Google under the seal. You know, we think that that's something that the public ought to know about. It's part of how we're going to be establishing arbitrariness in the setting of prices, how there really is --

**THE COURT:** Spotify is paying Google?

MR. HUESTON: Right. Under the deal that they have for billing, there is a rate, a rate set much, much lower than the rates that we've been hearing in trial, and that's an important part of what we're going to be establishing here at trial in terms of the arbitrariness, as was discussed in opening statements and throughout of the 30/15 rate structure

that Google has been charging.

THE COURT: Can you just show me what do you want to put into evidence?

MR. HUESTON: Sure, your Honor, I can pass up a demonstrative that I want to use that summarizes what I want to show.

THE COURT: Okay. You want to use these two numbers; is that what you're saying?

MR. HUESTON: That's right, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. What's the problem with that?

MR. POMERANTZ: Well, Your Honor, this is actually at the core of the deal. There's obviously way more to the deal than just these two numbers, and it is exactly the kind of information that is part of not only our negotiation with Spotify, but our negotiations with many other competitors of Spotify and Google, and it's exactly the kind of information that should not be public.

We do not have a problem with these two numbers being presented to the jury. We just ask that they point to the numbers without saying them out loud so that we don't risk competing competition. While if they want to put this information in front of the jury, we do not have a problem with that, but we see no reason why they can't hand this piece of paper to the jurors and to the witness and ask questions without disclosing publicly the information, because it's

## WATTS - VIDEO TESTIMONY - NOT REPORTED extremely --1 Why are these numbers sensitive? 2 THE COURT: MR. POMERANTZ: Because they are at the core of 3 negotiations between first Google and Spotify and, second, 4 5 between Google and third parties or competitors of both Spotify 6 and Google. MR. HOGBERG: Your Honor, if I may, Sverker Hogberg of 7 Sullivan & Cromwell on behalf of Spotify USA. 8 We filed a sealing motion yesterday, ECF number 749, for 9 the underlying documents from which these numbers are taken. 10 11 And as we set forth in the motion, this is core confidential business information and trade secret information that courts 12 routinely seal in the context --13 **THE COURT:** The contract is not trade secret. 14 This is 15 not a trade secret. 16 MR. HOGBERG: Your Honor, this is something --17 THE COURT: A trade secret is something that has value 18 because it's not known and it can't be something in a contract,

so it's not a trade secret.

How is this possibly going to hurt Spotify?

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MR. HOGBERG: Your Honor, so the case law we cited is the -- are the licensing --

THE COURT: How is this going to hurt Spotify, is my question.

> So the harm to Spotify is that MR. HOGBERG: Sure.

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              MR. HOGBERG: So in Spotify's negotiations with other
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              THE COURT: Who is going to use this as leverage
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              MR. HOGBERG: Well, to the extent that Spotify
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              THE COURT: Better than this?
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              MR. HOGBERG: Your Honor, so the other aspect, the
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MR. HOGBERG: Your Honor, the second harm is the harm

- VIDEO TESTIMONY - NOT REPORTED that it allows. 1 THE COURT: Not second. You haven't had any yet, so 2 try again. What's your first argument? 3 MR. HOGBERG: Sure. So well, since Your Honor doesn't 4 5 accept that, the first harm would be Spotify's competitors, which would be the number of streaming platforms, Title, 6 SoundCloud, Pandora, they are in competition with Spotify, and 7 they would like to negotiate similar terms that Spotify is 8 negotiating. 9 THE COURT: That's their problem. If Spotify wins the 10 11 prize, what do they care if Pandora gets stiffed? They're competitors, so by definition I don't see how anything that 12 Pandora is going to do with this number that can in any way 13 affect Spotify other than make it feel good that it got a 14 15 better deal than a rival. I'm not hearing anything from you to 16 the contrary. 17 MR. HOGBERG: Your Honor, the harm is the exact same harm that is particular in all the licensing cases where the 18 19 terms of licensing agreements that parties have --20 THE COURT: This isn't a license. MR. HOGBERG: I beg your pardon, Your Honor? 21 THE COURT: Not a license. 22

MR. HOGBERG: The harm is the same, Your Honor, because the licensing agreements are simply what are the licensing terms, what is the percentage licensing fees paid,

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that is the exact same type of issue as what are the --

THE COURT: I just don't think so. I see licenses all day in my patent cases and in other cases. This has none of the competitive disadvantages of a license.

A license is when you have two people who are competing against each other and they both have technology from an upstream source, and if one pays less than the other, then that's an advantage. This has nothing to do with that. This is a deal between Spotify and Google for Spotify's fee. It has nothing to do with Spotify vis-a-vis Pandora or Apple Music or anything else.

MR. HOGBERG: Your Honor, so the reason why this is similar to licensing fee is because this is not your run-of-the-mill off-the-shelf agreement regarding how much Spotify pays. This was an agreement that was negotiated through hundreds of hours of efforts, and it involves not just the fee, it involves additional parts of the agreement related to the fee regarding co-marketing, and those co-marketing develop new technologies for purposes of the payment platform, and those are all integrated into the numbers that are included in these agreements.

And, furthermore, Your Honor, these are actually subject to ongoing negotiations between the parties currently about the implementation of these co-marketing agreements, and so on, which bears --

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              THE COURT:
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     from the in-effect agreement that was signed in 2022.
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     locked in stone. Google can't yank it out in spite or anything
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THE COURT: Well, my concern is -- I mean, there's a number in and of itself, as your colleague has suggested, could have all sorts of things packed into it, you know:

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Co-marketing, strategic alliances. The numbers didn't come out

of the blue because Spotify drove a good bargain, and there was a lot of negotiation.

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MR. HUESTON: Your Honor, we actually have admissions from the witness as to exactly why they gave this deal. It's a very efficient, you know, pathway right to the number as to why they did it: For agitation, going vocal, contagion, the same sorts of issues that have already been introduced at trial. It's the same thing. It's absolutely critical as to what Epic is trying to do.

THE COURT: So you're saying -- you're telling me it's a clean-shot explanation.

MR. HUESTON: Yeah, right through the witness.

MR. POMERANTZ: Your Honor, everything you said is everything that's true about this deal. There is many, many different components that add up to the deal here, not just the economic and other value exchanges, but Spotify itself and what it means to people who use mobile devices. It will be quite an extended discussion with the jury no matter what he says are the admissions. We know what the deal is. They know what the

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deal is.
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are a lot of components to it, and there's a lot of things that
are specific to Spotify.
         MR. HUESTON: Your Honor, there's no dispute that this
is relevant.
         THE COURT: Well, no, look, here's what we're going.
Mr. Pomerantz has already agreed that you can show it to the
      That's not the issue. The only issue is it might be --
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it's going to be published outside of me and the jury.
         MR. HUESTON: Right.
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THE COURT: Well, I mean, how much time are you going to spend on these numbers? You're going to ask a couple questions and you're going to say --

MR. HUESTON: Show the demonstrative, right, try to draw out the comparisons. I can try to redact, you know, and not say it on the record. Yeah, I can do that.

Again, I think for the reasons that Your Honor just probed, there's no reason why those numbers can't be out loud. It makes, you know, important public record on this point.

THE COURT: Why am I just getting this right now? Why is this, with the jury waiting? Why is this happening now?

MR. HUESTON: We didn't think --

THE COURT: Why didn't it happen two days ago? At the

beginning of the trial I said bring all this to me at least a day in advance. So you're just going to have to push this witness. I'm not going to decide on the fly. So if you want to do this, you're going to have to wait. I need some time to think about this and decide what I'm going to do.

MR. POMERANTZ: Your Honor, may I --

THE COURT: Look. And from now on, I'm just not going to take these things up, meaning you can't do it, okay? The proponent cannot do it if I don't get it in time. And getting it at the lunch break or a little bit before when the jury is cooling its heels waiting to come in, and they should have been in here 15 minutes ago, isn't going to fly, all right?

MR. HUESTON: Your Honor, then my backup is then fine. We will not publish it. We will just proceed and we'll hand out the demonstratives to the jury so as not to waste time. We did meet --

THE COURT: I require at least a court day in advance. So if you want to do this on Wednesday, you get it to me by Monday at 5 p.m., all right? You know this is coming up. It's all scripted out. I know how this works, you know how it works, so you tell me at least one full court day in advance, all right?

MR. HUESTON: Yes.

THE COURT: This is too complicated and too risky for me to be shooting from the hip, and I refuse to do it.

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All right. So we'll do that today. Don't slip up, okay?
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              MR. HUESTON: Yes, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Let's bring the jury in.
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          And just to be clear, I am not ruling on the merits.
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     is a stopgap interim measure that will not be binding in any
     way of what I do in the future.
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          (Jurors enter courtroom.)
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          (Proceedings were heard in the presence of the jury:)
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              THE COURT: Okay. Fire it up.
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          (Video depo continued.)
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              THE COURT: Is that it? Okay. Who is next?
              MR. HUESTON: Thank you, Your Honor. Epic calls
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     Purnima Kochikar.
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              THE COURT:
                         Okay.
                         Can you please stand and raise your right
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              THE CLERK:
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     hand?
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                            PURNIMA KOCHIKAR,
     called as a witness for the PLAINTIFFS, having been duly sworn,
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     testified as follows:
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              THE WITNESS: I do.
              THE CLERK: Thank you. Please be seated.
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          Please state your name for the Court and spell your last
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     name.
              THE WITNESS: Purnima Kochikar, K-O-C-H-I-K-A-R.
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              THE CLERK:
                          Thank you.
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## 1 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. HUESTON: 2 Good afternoon, Ms. Kochikar. 3 Q. Good afternoon. 4 A. 5 You work for Google, correct? Q. 6 Α. Yes. And you began working at Google more than a decade ago in 7 Q. 2012, correct? 8 9 Yes. Α. THE COURT: Would you mind just pulling that a little 10 11 bit closer to you. Go ahead. 12 THE WITNESS: Is this better? 13 THE COURT: Yes. 14 15 MR. HUESTON: Yes. 16 THE WITNESS: Okay. Thank you. 17 BY MR. HUESTON: 18 And your title in October 2012 when you first joined Google was Director of Apps and Games at Google Play, correct? 19 20 Yes. Α. 21 And in 2020 you became vice-president of Google Play Partnerships, right? 22 23 Α. Yes. There's been a lot of discussion about --24 25 You're going to have to keep your voice THE COURT:

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     up, okay?
                            I will.
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              THE WITNESS:
                          Just boom it out, all right?
              THE COURT:
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              THE WITNESS: All right.
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              THE COURT:
                          Go ahead.
     BY MR. HUESTON:
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          There's been discussion about Chats at this trial, so I
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     Q.
     want to ask you: During this case you had your default setting
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     to delete Chats every 24 hours, correct?
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          That was the default.
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     Α.
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          Right. And you didn't take any steps to change any of
     Q.
     those deletion settings for your Chat software, correct?
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     Α.
          Yes.
          All right. And you've admitted that on at least one
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     occasion Google employees added privileged language and copied
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     in a Google lawyer even though there was no legal advice being
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     sought, correct?
          I may have, I don't recall.
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              MR. HUESTON: Okay. Your Honor, we'd like to go to
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     deposition at page 60, tab 1, page 66 --
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              THE COURT:
                          66?
              MS. CHIU: Your Honor, we object to this line of
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     questioning.
                   There's been a motion --
              THE COURT: Let me see where we are. Page 66, okay.
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              MR. HUESTON: Page 66, Your Honor.
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And what line?
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              THE COURT:
              MR. HUESTON: Starting at line 8 going into page 67 to
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     get the full context to line 18.
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                         Okay. That's fine.
              THE COURT:
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              MR. HUESTON: Let's play that, please.
               (video clip played:)
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               Before we get to that, just going back to the second
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          ۳Q.
          page with Mr. Rosenberg's original email, if you could
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          turn to that, please?
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          ΠA.
               Yeah.
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          ۳Q.
               So the top of his email he writes, attorney-client
          privilege, with a parentheses (Tia, please advise.)
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          Do you see that?
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          ΠA.
               Yes.
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               And that's a reference to Tia Arzu; is that right?
          ۳Q.
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          ΠA.
               Yes.
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          ۳Q.
               Is that a yes?
          "A.
               Yes.
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               She is an in-house lawyer at Google; is that right?
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          ۳Q.
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          ΠA.
               Yes.
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               So Mr. Rosenberg added her to this email and said
          ۳Q.
          please advise, and that's the only reference to her in
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          that email, right?
23
          ΠA.
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               Yes.
               And she jumps in on the chain in the first page
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1 saying that neither she nor anyone on her team had been involved in this issue previously. 2 Do you see that? 3 ΠA. Yes. 4 5 So there had been no legal advice sought or obtained ۳Q. from Google Legal about any of these issues before 6 Mr. Rosenberg copied her in with the 'please advise' 7 language, right? 8 It was all happening in realtime. But Tia usually is 9 ΠA. very involved in a lot of these decisions on how we think 10 11 about partnerships. There is no legal advice being sought in this email, 12 13 correct? No." 14 "A. 15 BY MR. HUESTON: 16 And just so the record is clear, you said "no" there at 17 the end of that line of questioning, right? 18 Yes, that's what I said there. Α. Okay. Let's go to a different topic. 19 20 Now, Ms. Kochikar, in both of your roles, Director of Apps 21 and Games at Google Play and as Vice-President of Google Play 22 Partnerships, you were at all times trying to ensure that 23 developers were offering their apps on Google Play, correct? 24 Α. Yes. For example, you're familiar with the Fortnite application 25

- 1 offered by Epic Games, right?
- 2 A. Of course.
- 3 Q. And it's important to Google that popular games like
- 4 | Fortnite launch on Google Play, right?
- 5 **A.** Yes.
- 6 Q. And you want popular games like Fortnite to come to Google
- 7 | Play in part so that Google can make money off the revenue
- 8 developers' collection from those games, right?
- 9 A. Yes, and also that our users gain access to those games.
- 10 Q. Right. The answer is "yes," and your counsel will have a
- 11 chance to ask you about other talking points.
- The answer to that is "yes," right?
- 13 **A.** Yes.
- 14 Q. Now, one of the ways that Google Play makes money is by
- 15 charging a service fee when users make in-app purchases from
- 16 | certain app developers, right?
- 17 **A.** Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. And specifically users purchase content or services
- 19 | provided by the app developers, right?
- 20 **A.** Yes.
- 21 Q. But Google takes for itself between 15 to 30 percent of
- 22 the transaction amount for games and digital bits and services,
- 23 | right?
- 24 A. That's our business model.
- 25 | Q. Yes. And your own colleague at Google has called these 15

- 1 | and 30 percent rates arbitrary, right?
- 2 A. It could be a person's opinion.
- 3 Q. Right. Let's get to that. Let's go to Exhibit 704, and
- 4 | that's in the book there in front of you.
- 5 Do you have that in front of you, Ms. Kochikar?
- 6 **A.** Yes, I do.
- 7 | Q. Thank you. And you're listed as an email recipient on
- 8 | that, right?
- 9 **A.** Yes.
- 10 MR. HUESTON: Okay. We'd move to admit this at this
- 11 time, Your Honor.
- 12 MS. CHIU: No objections.
- 13 **THE COURT:** It is admitted.
- 14 (Trial Exhibit 704 received in
- evidence.)
- 16 MR. HUESTON: All right. Publish, please.
- 17 BY MR. HUESTON:
- 18 Q. And, Ms. Kochikar, this is an email chain between numerous
- 19 Google employees, correct?
- 20 **A.** Yes.
- 21 | Q. And the subject is Tinder and Google Play Billing in
- 22 | brackets [concern], right?
- 23 **A.** Yes.
- 24 | Q. Now, Tinder is a dating app on Google Play, right?
- 25 **A.** Yes.

- 1 Q. And let's go to the seventh page of the exhibit. We'll
- 2 | electronically do that, so the first email in the chain. And
- 3 | we're focusing on an email from Brandon Barras at Google; do
- 4 you see that?
- 5 **A.** Yes.
- 6 Q. All right. And Mr. Barras wrote that "There is growing
- 7 | concern that Tinder may add additional billing options, or move
- 8 | away from Play billing all together, in early 2017."
- 9 Right?
- 10 **A.** Yes.
- 11 | Q. Now, if Tinder did not use Google Play Billing, then it
- 12 | would not pay Google's service fees, right?
- 13 **A.** Yes.
- 14 Q. All right. So to keep Tinder using Google Play Billing,
- 15 Mr. Barras suggested offering Tinder a 15 percent service fee
- 16 | instead of the 30 percent service fee that they had been
- 17 | paying?
- 18 A. There's more context to that.
- 19 Q. Okay. But you can see in the line here, let me read the
- 20 | third sentence that's highlighted: "We would like to discuss
- 21 | mitigating that risk by offering 15 percent rev share to Match
- 22 Group."
- That's what he said, correct?
- 24 | A. It's one opinion. We actually take into account many
- 25 different opinions before --

- 1 | Q. Try to focus on my question.
- 2 **A.** Yes.
- 3 | Q. That's what he said there in that sentence, correct?
- 4 **A.** Yes.
- 5 | Q. All right. Now let's go to the bottom of page 2, to the
- 6 | top of page 3 to an email from Sameer Samat.
- 7 **A.** Give me a moment, please. Yes.
- 8 Q. It's up on the screen, too.
- 9 **A.** Yes.
- 10 Q. And let's talk a second about Mr. Samat. He was the
- 11 | overall leader for Android and Google Play, correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. All right. And he writes in the last paragraph of his
- 14 | email, and I'm going to highlight here, middle of page 3 of the
- 15 | Exhibit: "I think all this 30 percent, 15 percent stuff is
- 16 | pretty arbitrary."
- 17 Those were his words, right?
- 18 **A.** Yes.
- 19 Q. All right. Now, let's go to Mr. Samat's email at the top
- 20 of page 2, and he writes -- are you following me there on the
- 21 screen?
- 22 **A.** Yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. And he writes here, quote: I still find 15 percent
- 24 | number kind of random. I understand what Paul is saying that
- 25 Apple set a benchmark, but it seems like a gigantic decision

- and justifying such a huge business model impacting number, for the developer too, with Apple did it, feels bad to me.
- Those were his words, right?
- 4 **A.** Yes, that's what's here.
- 5 | Q. That's what's there. And so what we just read, that's
- 6 Mr. Samat, the overall leader of Android and Google Play
- 7 | writing to you, and all the other Google employees on this
- 8 | email, that the 30 percent and 15 percent fees are pretty
- 9 | arbitrary and random. Those were his words, right?
- 10 **A.** His words.
- 11 Q. Okay. Now, let's explore -- we can take that down.
- 12 Let's explore some reasons why Mr. Samat, the overall
- 13 | leader of Android and Google Play, said that these fees are
- 14 pretty arbitrary and random.
- Now, Ms. Kochikar, you believe that the service fees are
- 16 | justified by the value, the claimed value of services that
- 17 | Google says it provides to developers, right?
- 18 A. Yes, of course.
- 19 Q. Okay. And Google claims it provides services like App
- 20 | Discovery, right?
- 21 | A. Yes, of course.
- 22 Q. But you also know that some developers don't receive the
- 23 | value that Google claims it provides, right?
- 24 A. Every developer is different.
- 25 Q. Exactly. So, for example, a developer with brand

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recognition on its own may benefit less from the so-called
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     discoverability that Google Play provides than a small
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     developer that's less well known, right?
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          Depends on the market.
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          Okay. Let's go to your deposition tab 1 August 31st,
     Q.
     page 302, line 21, Your Honor, to 303. I'm sorry.
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          302, line 21 to 25.
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              THE COURT: That's fine.
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              MR. HUESTON: Okay. Let's put this up, please, and
     put it on the screen.
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              For example, a developer with brand recognition may
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          benefit less from the discoverability that Google Play
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          provides than the small developer that's less well known,
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          right?"
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15
          And you answered:
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          "A. Yes."
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          And then you add some additional stuff. But your answer
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     there is "yes," right?
          Yeah, in context with the broader answer that I gave.
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     Α.
          Yeah, the answer is "yes," correct?
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     Q.
          Yes.
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     Α.
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          Okay. We can put that down.
          And then based on the inputs, when Google created that
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     model, there was -- let me back up a little bit.
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Google in fact created a model, did it not, to analyze the

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1 value it provides to developers; do you remember that?
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- A. We did many models.
- 3 Q. Okay. And based on the inputs, when Google created the
- 4 | model, they found a gap between the value that certain
- 5 developers were paying Google and the value that those
- 6 developers got from Google, correct?
- 7 **A.** Based on the vectors, certain vectors, yes, not all.
- 8 Q. Okay. In fact, Google itself calculated a value gap for
- 9 200 top developers; do you remember that?
- 10 A. It was one model, yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. One model that talked about 200 top developers,
- 12 | right?

- 13 **A.** Yes.
- 14 Q. Okay. Let's go to Trial Exhibit 1526.
- Take a look there, and this is an email to you, correct?
- 16 **A.** 1526, yes.
- 17 MR. HUESTON: Yes. We'd move to admit at this time,
- 18 Your Honor?
- 19 MS. CHIU: No objections.
- 20 **THE COURT:** It is admitted.
- 21 (Trial Exhibit 1526 received in
- evidence.)
- 23 | MR. HUESTON: Okay. Let's publish, please.
- 24 BY MR. HUESTON:
- 25 | Q. And this is an email dated September 13th, 2019, correct?

A. Correct.

- 2 Q. It was sent to you. And so let's now look at your email
- 3 in this chain on September 13th, 2019 at 8:52 a.m. I have it
- 4 | up on the screen; do you see it?
- 5 **A.** Yes.
- 6 Q. And here you write: Approximately 200 top devs have a
- 7 | value gap?
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 **A.** Yes.
- 10 Q. Devs, that's developers, right?
- 11 **A.** Yes.
- 12 **Q.** Okay. And by "value gap," one thing you're referring to
- 13 | is the value gap between the amount in value that Google Play
- 14 is delivering to the developer compared to the amount the
- 15 developer is paying in revenue share at Google Play, right?
- 16 A. No, based on one set of calculations.
- 17 **Q.** Right. And, in fact, well-known apps like Tinder pay
- 18 Google much more than the value that Google provides, right?
- 19 **A.** At that point Tinder grew very big on Google Play earlier.
- 20 Q. Right. So the answer is "yes," correct? Well-known apps
- 21 | like Tinder, at least during this time period, were paying
- 22 | Google much more than the value that Google provided, right?
- 23 **A.** At that point, yes.
- 24 | Q. Okay. So let's now take this down and go to Trial
- 25 Exhibit 1537.

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Take a look at that, and you should see this as an email
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     sent by you; do you see that?
          Yes.
     Α.
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              MR. HUESTON: And we'd move this into evidence at this
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     time, Your Honor.
              MS. CHIU: No objections.
 6
              THE COURT: It is admitted.
 7
                                  (Trial Exhibit 1537 received in
 8
                                   evidence.)
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     BY MR. HUESTON:
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          Okay. Now, up at the screen, it's dated July 23rd, 2019,
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     and it's sent by you to a Sarah Karam at Google, right?
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     Α.
          Yes.
          And the subject of this email is Update on Tinder/GPB.
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          That's Google Play Billing, right?
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     Α.
          Correct.
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          Okay. Now, at this time -- first of all, Tinder, you know
     Q.
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     that's owned by the Match Group, right?
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     Α.
          Yes.
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          Okay. And at this time you recall being involved in
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     discussions to have Google perform an analysis on the value
     that Google provided Tinder and other dating apps owned by the
22
     Match Group, right?
23
24
     Α.
          Yes.
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          And Google had that analysis done, right?
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A. Yes.

- 2 \ Q. And so if we go to the second page to the rest of this
- 3 email, and I'm going to highlight it for you, about 1/4th of
- 4 | the way down the page in the bullet that starts there, do you
- 5 | see that one, it stays Despite...?
- 6 Mr. Barras writes: "Despite generating the highest apps
- 7 | revenue from Play, Tinder severely under indexes on the
- 8 | percentage of installs coming from Play-driven sources, for
- 9 | example, Prex, Related, et cetera, versus dating peers and
- 10 games."
- 11 Do you see that?
- 12 **A.** That's what's written here.
- 13 | Q. Right. And you don't disagree with Mr. Barras that Tinder
- 14 | at this time was generating the highest revenue of any app on
- 15 | Play, right?
- 16 **A.** I don't know. I mean, it is his email.
- 17 | Q. Right. But as you've testified, if Mr. -- if Brandon
- 18 knows it, if he says it's highest, it would be, right?
- 19 **A.** Yes.
- 20 | Q. Okay. And that's valuable to Google, right?
- 21 **A.** Yes.
- 22 Q. Because if Tinder generates more revenue from in-app
- 23 purchases, that means Google can collect more service fees from
- 24 | Tinder, right?
- 25 **A.** Yes.

- 1 | Q. Okay. And you believe those service fees are justified in
- 2 | part because Google brings users to apps like Tinder, right?
- 3 | That's what you said, correct?
- 4 A. Yes, but we listened to Tinder.
- 5 Q. I'm sorry. Yes. Thank you.
- 6 **A.** Yes.
- 7 **Q.** And Mr. Barras, he writes here, quote, a little further
- 8 down: In 2018, only 8 percent of Tinder's installs came from
- 9 | Play-driven sources.
- 10 Are you following me?
- 11 **A.** Yes.
- 12 Q. Versus 15 percent for OKC. You know that's OK Cupid,
- 13 | right?
- 14 **A.** Yes.
- 15 **Q.** One of the Match Group apps?
- 16 **A.** Yes.
- 17 | Q. And 27 percent for Meetic, also a Match Group app, right?
- 18 **A.** Yes.
- 19 Q. And so compared to the other apps, Google was not driving
- 20 many installs on Tinder, right, compared to OKC and Meetic?
- 21 **A.** At that point. Those apps were earlier, so they were
- 22 | getting installs. Tinder had gotten bigger, but that's how app
- 23 | stores provide value.
- 24 | Q. Well, right, so at that time Google Play Store providing
- 25 only 8 percent versus 15 and 27 percent from outside sources,

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right?
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          Yes.
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                 So fair to say Tinder itself was driving its own
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     Q.
     installs of its app through its own efforts, right?
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          On average, but not in the emerging markets.
     Α.
              MR. HUESTON: Your Honor, let's go to, if I can,
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     page 308, lines 5 to 7 of the deposition.
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              THE COURT: 308?
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              MR. HUESTON: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Yes, that's fine.
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              MR. HUESTON:
                           Thank you.
     BY MR. HUESTON:
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     Q.
          Let's put it up.
          "Q. Tinder itself was driving its own installs of its app
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          through its own efforts, correct?
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          "A. Yes."
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          That's you, right?
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          Yes.
     Α.
          Okay. And that is probably because Tinder has excellent
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     brand recognition; you acknowledge that, right?
          Yes.
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     A.
          Okay. Back to the document, Mr. Barras writes, back to
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     that "despite" bullet, we can pull that up, 1537. Getting it
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          All right. There we are.
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Okay. So now we're at the bottom of this bullet here from

- 1 Mr. Barras, and he writes: This bolsters their assertion that 2 people mostly come to Play looking for Tinder, right?
- 3 A. That is the assertion.
- 4 Q. Right. And, Ms. Kochikar, you have no reason to doubt
- 5 | that because of Tinder's brand recognition, people mostly go to
- 6 | the Play Store already looking for Tinder, and they do a search
- 7 | for Tinder and that's how they download the app, correct?
- 8 A. Yeah.
- 9 Q. That's a "yes." Okay.
- Now, in the next paragraph, let's go to that, Mr. Barras
- 11 | writes: "The relative discovery value they have been deriving
- 12 | from Play has decreased since 2017, due to an increasing share
- of acquisitions coming from Search and Search-driven
- 14 reinstalls."
- In parallel, their revenue has been increasing Y/Y, that's
- 16 | year over year, right?
- 17 **A.** Yes.
- 18 Q. "Thus, the team estimates that if you compare the value of
- 19 | nonSearch-driven discovery versus revenue share paid, Tinder is
- 20 | now deriving only 10 percent of the revenue share value versus
- 21 | the 30 percent share they pay."
- 22 That's what he wrote here, right?
- 23 **A.** Yes, he's trying to understand --
- 24 **Q.** I just asked, that's what he wrote, right?
- 25 **A.** Yes.

- 1 Q. Okay. Now let's go to the first page of the document, the
- 2 | email from Mr. Feng, the bottom of the first page. Do you see
- 3 | that, on the screen?
- 4 **A.** Yes.
- 5 | Q. Okay. And Mr. Feng writes: The analysis does a nice job
- 6 quantifying Tinder's "people mostly come to Play looking for
- 7 | Tinder's" argument. Right?
- 8 **A.** Yes.
- 9 **Q.** And he continues: "As part of the magical bridge and
- 10 payment policy efforts, we're looking at ways to tier pricing -
- 11 | we can potentially use this. Consider a pricing tier based on
- 12 apps/brands that bring an inordinate number of users/FOPs/NPUs
- 13 | to the store."
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 **A.** Yes.
- 16 **Q.** And you understood that he was suggesting giving a price
- 17 | break to apps like Tinder that bring a lot of users to the
- 18 | Google Play Store, right?
- 19 **A.** It was one vector. We looked at many different ways.
- 20 **Q.** Okay. You understood that was his suggestion here, right?
- 21 **A.** Yes, at that moment.
- 22 **Q.** Right. But Google didn't do that, did it?
- 23 A. We didn't do it.
- 24 | Q. You didn't do it. Despite Mr. Feng's suggestion here,
- 25 | Google's 30 percent or 15 percent rate today does not take into

- 1 | account the relative number of users that a brand brings to
- 2 Google Play, correct?
- 3 **A.** Yes, but we took a home much bigger approach.
- 4 Q. Thank you. Ms. Kochikar, your counsel will have a chance
- 5 | to follow up as he sees fit.
- 6 All right. We can take that document down.
- 7 Let's look at another possible reason why Mr. Samat was
- 8 describing the Google service fee as arbitrary.
- 9 Google claims it provides services to all app developers
- 10 but it only charges some of them for the service fee, right?
- 11 **A.** Yes.
- 12 **Q.** Okay.
- 13 **A.** Where am I looking?
- 14 | Q. You're just looking at me. I'm just asking you a
- 15 question.
- 16 **A.** Okay.
- 17 | Q. Not everyone is on a document.
- And most developers today who are monetizing their apps,
- 19 | they're doing so not to repay downloads, but, rather, through
- 20 | in-app purchases, right?
- 21 **A.** Yes.
- 22 Q. Yes. And today, Google charges a 30 percent fee on all
- 23 | in-app purchases for games after the first one million dollars
- 24 | in sales in a calendar year, right?
- 25 **A.** Yes.

- Q. Okay. And an example, again, of a developer that offers games is Epic, correct?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. And even for the first million dollars of revenue, Google charges game developers like Epic at least 15 percent, right?
- 6 **A.** Yes.
  - Q. Okay. So let's put up -- I'm going to put up what I'm calling Kochikar demonstrative number 1 to reflect what we've just gone over, okay? So let's put this up.
  - And looking at this, Ms. Kochikar, this includes the percentages we just discussed for games, right?
  - MS. CHIU: Your Honor, we object. We did not see this demonstrative before today.
  - MR. HUESTON: Oh, it's in the front pocket of your binder, and I'll pause if you want to take a look at it.
  - THE COURT: Let me just tell the jury, the demonstrative is just an illustration. It's not going to come into evidence, okay? So it's not like things -- when you hear me say "it's admitted," this is not being admitted, but it's just helping the lawyer illustrate his or her point.
    - Okay. Go ahead.
- 22 What are we waiting for?
- 23 MS. CHIU: Your Honor, this is the first time we've 24 seen this demonstrative, so we're just --
  - THE COURT: Oh, do I have it?

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It's in your binder in the front pocket,
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              MR. HUESTON:
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     yes.
                         You mean depos or exhibits?
              THE COURT:
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              MR. HUESTON: It's the exhibit, Your Honor, front
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     pocket.
              THE COURT: Oh, this thing?
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              MR. HUESTON: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Just the front page is the demonstrative?
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          All right. Okay. What's the problem?
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              MS. CHIU: We haven't had a chance to review it.
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     don't see anything objectionable in the first few pages, but I
    haven't had a chance to look at all of them. So at this point
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     if we have an objection to something, we will let counsel know.
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              THE COURT: No, there are no placeholder objections.
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     Just take a minute and go through them.
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          This whole thing?
              MR. HUESTON: Well, I'm only going through a couple of
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     these pages now. Others are going to be coming up later.
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              THE COURT: Okay. Which ones do you want to use in
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     the next, say, half hour?
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              MR. HUESTON: One moment, Your Honor.
          I think the first 11 pages.
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              THE COURT: Let's do this in tranches. Look at the
     first 11 pages, please, Google.
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              MS. CHIU: We have an objection to slide 11.
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Objection to slide 11. Okay. What's the
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              THE COURT:
     objection?
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              MS. CHIU: We don't understand what it means, so we
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     don't believe it fairly represents evidence that's been
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     admitted.
              THE COURT: All right. That's overruled.
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          Go ahead. But just the first 12 for now, okay?
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              MR. HUESTON: Yes. Thank you, Your Honor.
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     BY MR. HUESTON:
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          Okay. I put in front of you, Ms. Kochikar, what we're
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     Q.
     saying -- what we're calling Kochikar demonstrative number 1;
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     do you see it there?
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     Α.
          Yes.
          Okay. And this includes the percentages we just
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     discussed, right?
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     Α.
          Yes.
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          So you can see there Google Play Billing for in-app
     Q.
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     purchases, the first million dollars of revenue for games and
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     digital goods, 15 percent, right, up to the first million?
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     Α.
          Yes.
          And in-app purchases after, above one million is
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     30 percent, right?
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     Α.
          Yes.
          Thank you. And now, Google's -- you can put that down for
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now, and I just want to step back with it.

- Google's stated philosophy is that it does not make money unless developers make money, right?
  - A. Yes.

- 4 Q. Okay. But apps that offer physical goods and services,
- 5 | some of those make money, right?
- 6 A. Not consumed on the store.
- 7 Q. Okay. But some of those apps that offer physical goods
- 8 and services, they make money, right?
- 9 **A.** Outside the store.
- 10 Q. Okay. Some of them are mega developers, right?
- 11 **A.** Yes.
- 12 Q. Examples include Uber and Amazon, you consider those to be
- 13 | very big developers, mega developers, right?
- 14 **A.** Yes.
- 15 Q. But Google doesn't charge a fee when apps from mega
- 16 developers like Uber and Amazon make in-app sales, right?
- 17 A. They -- it's because of the right, they don't consume the
- 18 goods inside the store.
- 19 **Q.** Right. So --
- 20 **A.** Uber makes money because people take rides.
- 21 Q. Well, let's put up Kochikar demonstrative number 2. And
- 22 | Google Play Billing, its approaches for apps involving physical
- 23 goods, right, zero percent for in-app purchases up to the first
- 24 | million in revenue and zero for in-app purchases after a
- 25 | million in revenue, right?

- 1 **A.** Yes.
- 2 Q. All right. We can put that aside for now.
- And now there are also apps on Google Play that are what
- 4 | are known as consumption only, right?
- 5 **A.** Yes.
- 6 Q. And an example of a consumption-only app on Google Play is
- 7 | Netflix, right?
- 8 **A.** Yes.
- 9 Q. And you know that consumption-only apps like Netflix, they
- 10 also make money, right?
- 11 **A.** Yes.
- 12 Q. All right. But Google doesn't charge a fee on
- 13 | consumption-only apps, right?
- 14 A. Could you repeat that, please?
- 15 Q. Sure. Google doesn't charge a fee for consumption-only
- 16 apps for in-app purchases, right?
- 17 **A.** Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. So now let's put up Kochikar demonstrative number 3
- 19 to get all this in one chart again.
- 20 So this is what we just covered. For consumption-only
- 21 | apps like Netflix, in-app purchases up to the first million,
- 22 | zero percent, right?
- 23 **A.** Yes.
- 24 | Q. And for in-app purchases after a million in revenue, zero
- 25 | percent, right?

- 1 **A.** Yes.
- 2 Q. Okay. And Ms. Kochikar, you agree that there are, in
- 3 | fact, loads of apps like Amazon, Uber, and Netflix on Google
- 4 | Play that make money and never have to pay anything to Google,
- 5 right?
- 6 **A.** Yes.
- 7 **Q.** Okay.
- 8 A. They don't make money on Google Play.
- 9 Q. Okay. Well, the answer is "yes," right? They don't have
- 10 to pay to Google. There's no fee to Google Play Billing,
- 11 | right, for those apps?
- 12 **A.** That's our business model, but they don't make money on
- 13 | Google Play.
- 14 | Q. Well, they're doing in-app, they're processing in-app
- 15 | purchases for physical goods and consumption, right, through
- 16 | Google Play, right?
- 17 **A.** The goods are outside. They're not consumed inside the
- 18 | app.
- 19 **Q.** You can buy an Amazon product on an app, right?
- 20 **A.** Yes.
- 21 **Q.** Okay.
- 22 **A.** And Amazon has billing for things that get consumed inside
- 23 | the app, like Amazon Prime.
- 24 Q. Okay. Just try to focus on my question.
- 25 A. Of course.

- 1 Q. You can buy an Amazon product with an app, right, on
- 2 Google Play?
- 3 | A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And this chart reflects what happens there for physical
- 5 goods, for consumption, there is zero assessed for those in-app
- 6 | transactions, right?
- 7 **A.** The physical good is not consumed.
- 8 Q. Ms. Kochikar, just an easy yes or no?
- 9 **A.** Yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. Thank you. And now, let me ask you, though, for a
- 11 | small game developer who is just starting out, they still have
- 12 | to pay 15 or 30 percent of every dollar earned in in-app
- 13 | purchases to Google Play, right?
- 14 A. Yes, however, 90 pers --
- 15 Q. I'm sorry. Yes. Thank you.
- And that's true even if they were operating in the red and
- 17 | losing money, right?
- 18 Yeah, it's a simple formula, right? You do an in-app
- 19 purchase up to a million dollars, it doesn't matter how well
- 20 | you're doing as a company, you gotta pay the 15 percent to
- 21 | Google, right, if you are a game or digital goods, correct?
- 22 A. Yes, but that's not --
- 23 **Q.** Yes. Thank you.
- 24 **A.** -- how this works?
- 25 | Q. I just want answers to my questions. Thank you.

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And if that start-up game developer was losing money or in
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     the red, they'd still have to pay those fees for in-app
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     purchases, right?
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          Yes.
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          Now, let's talk about another possible reason why
     Q.
     Mr. Samat was describing service fees as arbitrary.
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          Google claims it provides services to all app
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     developers -- actually, let's jump to another item here.
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          Now, you're aware, Ms. Kochikar, that Google claims that
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     it does provide billing optionality through something it calls
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     User Choice Billing, right?
          Yes, in certain markets they're deploying it more broadly.
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          Right. And you understand that this lawsuit, this
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     Q.
     litigation began in around August of 2020, right?
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     Α.
          I suppose so, yes.
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                And, but Google did not begin offering what it's
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     calling User Choice Billing until 2022, right?
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     Α.
          Yes.
          Okay. And despite the title, User Choice Billing, it's
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     not a real choice, is it?
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              MS. CHIU: Objection, Your Honor, argumentative.
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              THE COURT: It's cross-examination, overruled.
          Go ahead.
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     BY MR. HUESTON:
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Q. Despite its name User Choice Billing, it doesn't offer a

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1 | real choice at all, does it?
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- A. We believe it does.
- 3 Q. Okay. Well, let's explore that.
- 4 As we covered, even if a small developer is in User Choice
- 5 | Billing -- well, if a small developer is in User Choice
- 6 | Billing --

- 7 THE COURT: Can I just jump in? This may have come up
- 8 | earlier, but can we understand a little bit about what User
- 9 Choice Billing is?
- 10 MR. HUESTON: Yes.
- 11 **THE COURT:** Just so we know what we're talking about?
- 12 MR. HUESTON: Yeah, yeah, let's walk through it.
- 13 Thank you, Your Honor.
- 14 BY MR. HUESTON:
- 15 Q. So the User Choice Billing program allows developers to
- 16 use their billing service, their billing systems alongside
- 17 | Google Play Billing, right?
- 18 **A.** Yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. And you agree that there are certain developers who
- 20 | may have a form of payment or feature that could be beneficial
- 21 for consumers, right?
- 22 **A.** Yes.
- 23 Q. And Google agrees that developers should have a choice as
- 24 | to which billing system they offer users, right?
- 25 **A.** Yes.

- 1 | Q. And so Google claims it's offering billing optionality to
- 2 | allow developers to meet their unique needs, right?
- 3 **A.** If they choose to.
- 4 Q. Okay. And as of May 2023, May of this year, there were
- 5 about 75 or 80 developers who were taking part in this User
- 6 | Choice Billing program, right?
- 7 **A.** That sounds about right.
- 8 Q. Right. And even then, of the millions of developers on
- 9 Google Play, by that point only 75 or 80 had signed up by that
- 10 | time, May of 2023, right?
- 11 **A.** Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. Now, and that's because Google designed the User
- 13 | Choice Billing program to financially incentivize developers to
- 14 use Google Play Billing and not other payment options, right,
- 15 Ms. Kochikar?
- 16 **A.** That wasn't part of the design.
- 17 | Q. Okay. Well, let's look at Trial Exhibit 2698.
- 18 **A.** Yeah.
- 19 Q. Okay. Do you see that? You recognize this presentation,
- 20 | right?
- 21 **A.** Yes.
- 22 MR. HUESTON: We'll move to admit it at this time,
- 23 Your Honor.
- MS. CHIU: No objections.
- 25 **THE COURT:** It is admitted.

(Trial Exhibit 2698 received in 1 evidence.) 2 BY MR. HUESTON: 3 Okay. Let's put it up, please. 4 5 The presentation is entitled Project Everest, Options for Evolving Play's Business Model. 6 Do you see that? 7 Yes. Α. 8 Let's go to the seventh slide in the exhibit, and the 9 title of this slide is Reminder - Billing Choice and Pricing 10 11 Are the Primary Complaints. Do you see that? 12 13 Α. Yes. And under category 1, Billing Choice, the first complaint 14 15 listed there is "Devs should be able to choose their billing 16 platform." 17 Do you see that? That is the complaint from the desk. 18 Α. Right, exactly. That's a complaint that User Choice 19 20 Billing was supposed to be addressing, right? 21 We believe it is addressing now. Α. Okay. Just focus then. And the second complaint is, 22 23 quote: Users should know about lower prices elsewhere. Do you see that? 24

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Α.

Yes.

- 1 Q. And, Ms. Kochikar, User Choice Billing is in fact not
- 2 designed to address these concerns, right?
- 3 A. We designed --
- 4 Q. Yes or no? User Choice Billing is not designed to address
- 5 | the concern that users should know about lower prices
- 6 | elsewhere, correct?
- 7 **A.** There is a different way to do it.
- 8 MR. HUESTON: Your Honor, we would ask to go to
- 9 deposition page tab 3, page 44.
- 10 THE COURT: Tab 3, page 44, yes.
- 11 MR. HUESTON: Lines 16 to 22. Actually, 16 to 19.
- 12 **THE COURT:** That's fine.
- 13 MR. HUESTON: Okay. Let's put it up, please.
- 14 Does the user choice --
- 15 Does the User Choice Billing program address that
- concern that users should know about lower prices
- 17 elsewhere?
- 18 **"A.** That's not designed for that."
- 19 That's what you said, right?
- 20 A. Yeah, because there is another --
- 21 BY MR. HUESTON:
- 22 | Q. Okay. No, I didn't ask about that because that's your
- 23 | answer, right?
- 24 **A.** Yeah.
- 25 | Q. Okay. Now, let's go back to the chart. Category 2 on the

- 1 | right side. We'll go back to the document, 2698, and on the
- 2 | right side you see Pricing; do you see that?
- 3 **A.** Yes.
- 4 Q. With the complaint quoted there as 30 percent is too high,
- 5 | right?
- 6 **A.** Yes.
- 7 | Q. And you'll admit the User Choice Billing program, it's
- 8 also not designed to address that concern, right?
- 9 A. We did -- we changed pricing.
- 10 Q. Yes or no? Sorry. Yes or no, the billing -- the User
- 11 | Choice Billing program is not designed to address this concern,
- 12 yes or no?
- 13 **A.** User Choice Billing is designed to address choice.
- 14 | Pricing has been done separately, so I don't know how to answer
- 15 your question.
- 16 | Q. Okay. Well, the question is here's the complaint,
- 17 | 30 percent is too high. User Choice Billing was not designed
- 18 | the address that complaint, right?
- 19 **A.** Pricing was a separate exercise, which we did.
- 20 | Q. Okay. Well, let's go to page 46 of this exhibit, and this
- 21 | is a slide that discusses proposing, you see at the top,
- 22 | proposing a 5 percent fee adjustment as part of a User Choice
- 23 | Billing transaction, right?
- 24 A. Give me a moment, please.
- 25 **Q.** It's right at the title of the slide.

- 1 **A.** Yes.
- 2 Q. Okay. And in the notes there it states, and we'll
- 3 | highlight this, quote: Another key principle is that we don't
- 4 want to encourage developers to not use Play Billing. Thus, a
- 5 key element of this optionality proposal is we don't want to
- 6 give any artificial reasons to incent -- that's incentivize,
- 7 right?
- 8 **A.** Yes.
- 9 Q. ... Incentivize developers to switch off Play Billing.
- 10 Do you see that?
- 11 **A.** Yes.
- 12 Q. And it then says, quote: To do that, our proposal is to
- 13 | price the service fee for developers not using Google Play
- 14 | Billing at 5 percent less than those using Google Play Billing,
- 15 essentially replacement value.
- 16 Do you see that?
- 17 **A.** Yes.
- 18 **Q.** And then the last paragraph on that page states, quote:
- 19 Of course, as we noted, at a reduction of 5 percent, we don't
- 20 | think this solves the problem of any developers who are
- 21 | complaining about price.
- Do you see that language there, right?
- 23 **A.** Yes, so we changed the price.
- 24 Q. I just asked if you see that language.
- 25 A. Yes. Yes.

- 1 **Q.** That's a Google document, right?
- 2 **A.** Yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. And, in fact, Ms. Kochikar, Google was concerned
- 4 | that developers might continue to agitate, based on the revenue
- 5 | share, even after Google implemented billing optionality,
- 6 | correct?
- 7 **A.** Oh, yes, so we also changed price.
- 8 Q. The answer is "yes," right?
- 9 A. We did both.
- 10 Q. All right. Let's go -- well, let's go to your deposition,
- 11 and this is tab 1, page 233, line 6 to 9, Your Honor.
- 12 **THE COURT:** That's fine.
- 13 BY MR. HUESTON:
- 14 Q. Okay. Let's put it up, please.
- 15 Q. And Google's concern as articulated here was that
- 16 developers might agitate based on rev share even after
- 17 Google implemented billing optionality."
- 18 Your answer:
- 19 **"A.** Yes."
- 20 | Correct? That's your answer there, right, under oath?
- 21 **A.** Yes.
- 22 Q. Okay. Thank you. Now, Ms. Kochikar, I want to talk
- 23 | through the rate used as part of User Choice Billing.
- Now, as we've just covered, the model for games, assuming
- 25 | they're not offering subscriptions but, rather, in-app

- 1 purchases, is 30 percent after the first million each year,
- 2 | correct?
- 3 **A.** Yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. So let's now go to what we're going to call
- 5 | Kochikar demonstrative number 8, we'll put that up; do you see
- 6 | it there?
- 7 **A.** Yes.
- 8 Q. That's what we just covered, right?
- 9 Now, Ms. Kochikar, when a developer offers their own
- 10 | billing system and there is a transaction on that billing
- 11 | system, Google charges its typical service fee minus 4 percent,
- 12 | right?
- 13 **A.** Yes.
- 14 Q. All right. And so now let's go to demonstrative number 9
- 15 to reflect that.
- 16 So in this example, Google would charge 30 percent minus
- 17 | the 4 percent, that comes to 26 percent, right?
- 18 **A.** Yes.
- 19 Q. All right. And you'll admit that Google decided on the
- 20 | 4 percent number because it is the weighted average cost of
- 21 | transaction processing, right?
- 22 **A.** Yes.
- 23 **Q.** All right. So now let's go to demonstrative 10 to reflect
- 24 that.
- 25 So looking at this here, if a transaction occurs through a

- 1 | non-Google Play Billing system, under your numbers here you
- 2 | would estimate that the developer would incur costs approximate
- 3 to 4 percent, right? We've covered that, right?
- 4 **A.** Oh, that's odd weighted average.
- 5 **Q.** Right, based on your estimates, right?
- 6 **A.** Yes.
- 7 Q. All right. So now let's go to Kochikar demonstrative
- 8 number 11.
- 9 So when you add those together, whether a developer uses
- 10 | Google Play Billing on the top row or so-called Google User
- 11 | Choice Billing down below -- are you following me there? --
- 12 | are you following me on the chart?
- 13 **A.** I am following you on the chart.
- 14 Q. 30 percent either way, right?
- 15 **A.** That's our weighted average.
- 16 | Q. That's right, under your weighted average your assessment
- 17 | is going to be 30 percent either way for someone supposedly
- 18 | choosing this --
- 19 **A.** Developers --
- 20 **Q.** -- billing choice?
- 21 | A. Can have global pricing if they're just doing credit
- 22 | cards, for example.
- 23 | Q. Excuse me, 30 percent either way, right?
- 24 | A. The way it's laid out here.
- 25 Q. So even if a small developer is enrolled in User Choice

- 1 | Billing and uses their own billing system, they will
- 2 | effectively pay through your own weighted averages here, 15 or
- 3 | 30 percent, right? 15 up to a million or 30 percent, right?
- 4 | A. It would be 15 minus 4 if you're going to be technical,
- 5 but, yes.
- 6 Q. Well, they'd have to pay for the processing. It's going
- 7 | to come out to be either 15 or 30, right?
- 8 **A.** Yes.
- 9 Q. In short, they will continue paying the same effective
- 10 | service fee, right?
- 11 **A.** That's not our finding.
- 12 Q. Okay. Let's go to your deposition. This is tab 3,
- 13 | page 41, lines 2 to 4. Lines 2 to 4, page 40 -- I'm sorry,
- 14 page 41.
- 15 **THE COURT:** 41 or 43? 41? Lines 2 to 4, that's fine.
- 16 BY MR. HUESTON:
- 17 Q. Yes. Let's put it up.
- 18 They will continue paying the same effective service
- 19 fee, right?
- 20 **"A.** Yes."
- 21 **Q.** That was your deposition, right?
- 22 **A.** Yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. And so you will admit, Ms. Kochikar, with what
- 24 | we've just gone through, they're paying the same effective
- 25 | service fee either side. Google has set up a payment system

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1 | for so-called User Choice Billing that provides you no
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- 2 | financial benefit for the developer versus going through Google
- 3 | Play's regular billing, right?
- 4 **A.** Well, I have examples to show you otherwise.
- 5 Q. There's no financial reason under what we've just gone
- 6 | through to move from Google Play Billing, right? 30 each way,
- 7 right?
- 8 A. We believe choice was for choice, and that's the service
- 9 | that we provide is valuable.
- 10 | Q. Right. You're going to say choice is valuable even though
- 11 | you've admitted they will continue paying the same effective
- 12 | service fee. That was your admission, right?
- 13 **A.** Yes.
- 14 Q. Okay. Let's go on to a different topic.
- 15 **THE COURT:** I'll tell you what, let's take our
- 16 | afternoon break. We'll come back at 2:30. We should wrap up
- 17 at 3:30ish, okay? See you then.
- 18 | THE CLERK: All rise.
- 19 (Proceedings were heard out of presence of the jury:)
- 20 THE COURT: All right. Are we all set now on the
- 21 other issue we talked about?
- MR. HUESTON: Yes.
- 23 | THE COURT: Okay. All right. I'll see you at 2:30.
- 24 You're under oath. No communications about your testimony.
- 25 (Recess taken 2:15 p.m.- 2:32 p.m.)

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(Proceedings were heard out of presence of the jury:)
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              THE COURT:
     without prejudice. You can ask to move it in later, okay?
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     that was just to tell the jury why it wasn't being admitted.
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          Okay. Let's bring them in.
              MR. POMERANTZ: Your Honor, this could be off the
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     record.
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          (Discussion held off the record.)
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          (Jurors enter courtroom.)
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          (Proceedings were heard in the presence of the jury:)
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              MR. HUESTON:
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                            Thank you, Your Honor.
     BY MR. HUESTON:
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          Ms. Kochikar, let's talk about Spotify.
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     Q.
          Spotify offers digital music through its app, right?
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     Α.
          Yes.
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          Okay. And it offers in-app purchases of subscriptions,
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     correct?
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          Yes.
     Α.
          And until 2022, just last year, Spotify did not offer
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     Google Play Billing for those purchases, correct?
          Yes.
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     Α.
          And Google's position was that Spotify was not in
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     compliance with Google's billing policy, right?
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     Α.
          Yes.
          And Google was aware of Spotify's noncompliance, correct?
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- 1 **A.** Yes.
- 2 Q. But Google did not remove Spotify from Google Play for
- 3 noncompliance, correct?
- 4 | A. We were waiting to clarify our policy.
- 5 Q. Okay. And so it didn't remove Spotify from Google Play
- 6 | for noncompliance, right?
- 7 **A.** Yes.
- 8 Q. Okay. And the reason Google did not remove Spotify from
- 9 Google Play for noncompliance is because it was concerned that
- 10 | Spotify would influence other companies into fighting back
- 11 | against Google Play's policies, right?
- 12 A. I wouldn't say so.
- 13 | Q. Okay. Well, Spotify was a vocal agitator about app
- 14 | stores, wasn't it?
- 15 **A.** I -- yes.
- 16 | Q. And by "agitator," you mean somebody who was complaining,
- 17 right?
- 18 **A.** Yeah, they had reasons to complain, but they were good
- 19 partners with us, extremely good partners, actually.
- 20 Q. All right. So, but, again, if you could just focus on my
- 21 question.
- By "agitator," that's someone who is complaining, right?
- 23 **A.** Yes.
- 24 **Q.** Okay. And Spotify is a founding member of the Coalition
- 25 | for App Fairness, right?

- 1 | A. I believe so.
- 2 Q. And that coalition was speaking out against Google Play's
- 3 App Store policies, right?
- 4 A. I think both Apple and Google.
- 5 | Q. Okay. And you're aware that the Coalition for App
- 6 | Fairness is speaking out against, among other things, Google
- 7 | Play's billing policies, right?
- 8 A. I haven't seen it. It looked -- we've talked to the
- 9 coalition about principles, which we mostly agree on.
- 10 **Q.** Okay.
- 11 A. But I don't know about that exhibit you're speaking of. I
- 12 | haven't followed it.
- 13 Q. Okay. Let's go to your deposition.
- 14 MR. HUESTON: Tab 1, Your Honor, page 164, lines 7 to
- 15 11.
- 16 THE COURT: Yes, that's fine.
- 17 BY MR. HUESTON:
- 18 | Q. Let's put it up, please.
- 19 •Q. And you're aware that the Coalition for App Fairness
- is challenging, among other things, Google Play's billing
- 21 policies?
- 22 **"A.** Yes."
- 23 And then you continue, correct?
- 24 A. That's what I said there.
- 25 | Q. Okay. We can take that down.

- And Spotify is also influential in working with some of the smaller developers and guiding them, correct?
- 3 **A.** I suppose so. They're a very important developer.
- 4 Q. Okay. In short, people listen to Spotify, right? That's
- 5 | what you've testified to before?
- 6 A. Yeah.
- 7 | Q. So instead of removing Spotify for noncompliance, Google
- 8 | made a special deal with Spotify that allows Spotify to use its
- 9 own proprietary billing solution alongside Google Play Billing,
- 10 | right?
- 11 **A.** There was many different considerations. That wasn't how
- 12 | it panned out.
- 13 Q. Let's go to your deposition.
- MR. HUESTON: Page 252, Your Honor, line 23 to 253,
- 15 line 1.
- 16 **THE COURT:** That's fine.
- 17 BY MR. HUESTON:
- 18 | Q. Let's post it, please.
- 20 be offering Google Play Billing alongside Spotify's
- 21 proprietary billing solution?
- 22 **"A.** Yes."
- 23 That was your testimony, right?
- 24 A. Yes, but not as you implied it.
- 25 Q. Okay. And under this deal that Google made with Spotify,

when a user elects to use Google Play Billing, Spotify will pay
a special rate -- let me step back a bit.

There are some rules that apply to this area of testimony, and so I'm not going to be able to say some of the numbers, and I'm going to ask that you not say them either. And the way we're going to do this is I'm going to say like special rate or blank, and then I'm going to show you documents, and you can tell me if that's the rate that you recall, okay? Does that make sense?

A. No.

Α.

Okay.

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Q. We'll try to take this one step at a time. But I'm going to get to questions about a number, and I'm not going to say a number, and I'd ask that you not say out loud a number, okay?

THE COURT: So Members of the Jury, this is my instruction to the parties, okay. You're going to see this number, but right now it's just for you and for me and for the lawyers. It's not for the general public. It's kind of like a little exception. Don't think about that, just concentrate on the testimony, okay? All right.

**MR. HUESTON:** Okay.

**THE COURT:** Are we ready to pass it out?

MR. HUESTON: Almost.

THE COURT: Okay. So you just tell me.

MR. HUESTON: Thank you, Your Honor.

## BY MR. HUESTON:

- Q. So now with that in mind, under this deal that Google made with Spotify, when a user elects to use Google Play Billing, Spotify will pay a special fee upfront to Google that will be adjusted, right?
- A. Yes, but that's only part of the payment.
- Q. Let's -- okay. So what I'm going to do is --

MR. HUESTON: Your Honor, I'd like to read, without mentioning the actual number, the deposition testimony. It will be at page 263, lines 2 to 5, and I'm just going to say blank percent fee and ask -- and just get that into the record.

THE COURT: That's fine, but I think at some point we should share this with the jury.

MR. HUESTON: Yes, I'd like to.

THE COURT: Do you want to do that now?

MR. HUESTON: Yes.

THE COURT: Okay. I'm going to hand you a little form. There's going to be a manual piece of paper, okay, old school, not on the screen, just for you. And so when you hear the blank, the number on this page is the number in the blank. And, in fact, every reference you hear to special rate blank, and so on, will be this one number, okay, I think; is that right?

MR. HUESTON: Yes.

**THE COURT:** Okay.

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              MR. HUESTON:
                             Okay.
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          (Demonstrative passed out to the jury.)
     BY MR. HUESTON:
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     Q.
          And so:
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          ۳Q.
              When a user elects to use --
          Can you go to your deposition, please, Ms. Kochikar, it's
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     in the hard binder, and go to page 263, lines 2 to 5.
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     should be tab 1.
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          Tab?
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     Α.
          Tab 1, page 263.
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          I see.
                 I was looking at the bottom, and the numbers are
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     on the top. Yes.
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     Q.
          Okay.
              When a user elects to use Google Play Billing,
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          Spotify will pay a [blank] percent fee upfront to Google
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          that will be adjusted, right?
          ΠA.
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              Yes."
          That was your testimony?
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          Yes.
     Α.
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          Okay. And when I said "blank," you see a number there,
     correct?
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     Α.
          Yes.
                 Now I'm going to ask the jury to look at the first
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     document handed to you. And I'll ask you to pull out the
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     copies of the demonstratives as well, which should be in your
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exhibit binder, and is there -- let me hand you up an extra
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          If I may approach.
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              THE COURT:
                          She has a copy, yes, you can approach.
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              THE WITNESS:
                            I have a copy.
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              MR. HUESTON: Do you have that in front of you?
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     you go.
     BY MR. HUESTON:
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          Okay. And so for the record, this is Kochikar
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     demonstrative number 4. And you see a number there next to
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     Spotify when using Google Play Billing and there's a percentage
     there; do you see it?
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     Α.
          Yes.
          And that number matches what we just covered in your
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     deposition, right?
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     Α.
          Yes.
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                And the jury has that before them.
     Q.
          Okay.
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                 Now, let's talk a little more about this.
          Okay.
          There would be an adjustment to that number, right, based
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     on actual out-of-pocket costs that Google paid for actual
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     processing, and the amount Spotify paid would be adjusted up or
     down reflecting actual out-of-pocket Google costs, right?
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          Yes.
     Α.
          All right. Now, this deal also offered Spotify the
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     ability to use its own billing system alongside Google Play
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1 | Billing, correct?
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- 2 A. Oh, yes, but complying with some guidelines and security,
- 3 et cetera.
- 4 Q. Okay. But just to be clear, yes, they could do it
- 5 | alongside, right?
- 6 A. It's -- it's not that black and white, but, yes.
- 7 | Q. Okay. When a user elects to use Spotify's billing system,
- 8 | Spotify will also have a special rate there, right?
- 9 A. Oh, excuse me, I don't know what happened to my throat.
- 10 Yes.
- 11 Q. Yes. And so now you have that demonstrative in front of
- 12 you. Go to the next page, without saying what's in it yet, and
- 13 | you see a column that says Spotify When Using Payment Solution,
- 14 | there is a figure there; do you see it?
- 15 **A.** Yes.
- 16 **Q.** And that is in fact what they owe, right, that figure
- 17 | right there?
- 18 **A.** Yes.
- 19 **Q.** Okay.
- 20 A. But that's -- there is more, but, yes.
- 21 **Q.** Okay. And the jury has that. Now the jury sees two
- 22 figures.
- THE COURT: Okay. Let's just pause. Do you see two
- 24 | green numbers? Do you see they're different, right?
- Okay. Go ahead.

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1 MR. HUESTON: Thank you, Your Honor.
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2 THE COURT: You can bring the witness some water.

Just one second, please.

MR. HUESTON: Yes.

THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.

## BY MR. HUESTON:

Q. All right. Thank you.

And now turn the page to the next demonstrative. It's 6 in order, right? So now you see some numbers that have been inserted above Spotify; do you see that?

11 **A.** Yes.

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- 12 Q. Yeah, those we can say out loud. We've covered them
- 13 before. Those are the numbers discussed earlier, that digital
- 14 or gaming apps have to pay, right, 15 percent or 30 percent
- 15 when using Google Play Billing, correct?
- 16 A. Just for the users who pay. Lots of people use it for
- 17 | free.
- 18 | Q. Right. Just the ones that I mentioned, right?
- 19 **A.** Yeah.
- 20 Q. Digital or gaming apps, digital goods or gaming apps,
- 21 | right?
- 22 **A.** Even within the digital groups and gaming apps, most
- 23 people play it for free. Only a very small number pay.
- 24 Q. And so, for instance, a small games developer, we covered
- an example earlier, who has to pay 15 percent of any in-app

- 1 | purchases back to Google, that small game developer has to pay
- 2 | 15 percent on their revenues up to a million dollars while
- 3 | Spotify has very different percentages below in this chart,
- 4 | right?
- 5 **A.** There is more to this, but, yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. Now, in September of 2020, Google changed its
- 7 | payment policy to require all developers selling digital goods
- 8 | and their apps to use Google Play's billing system, right?
- 9 **A.** We clarified policy that already existed to include apps.
- 10 It was always clear for games.
- 11 **Q.** Okay. Clarified, but at that point they were all
- 12 required, right? Clarified so that all developers were on
- 13 | notice, if you're selling digital goods in their apps, they
- 14 | have to use Google Play's billing system, right?
- 15 **A.** Yes.
- 16 | Q. All right. So now let's go to the next page in that
- 17 | slide. This is demonstrative number 7. And you see to the
- 18 | right Games Digital Goods, and going over to the far right
- 19 under the column When Using Own Payment Solution; do you see
- 20 that?
- 21 **A.** Yes.
- 22 **Q.** A games developer offering digital goods does not even
- 23 | have the option to use its own payment solution, correct?
- 24 A. Yes, except in Korea.
- 25 **Q.** Okay. So this is -- so then this is correct?

THE COURT: 1 I'm sorry, except in Korea; is that what 2 you said? THE WITNESS: Yes. 3 Oh, okay. All right. Go ahead. 4 THE COURT: 5 BY MR. HUESTON: And except for Korea, then this chart is correct on 7, 6 right? For games, digital goods, when using Google Play 7 Billing it's 15 percent or 30 percent. And when they try to 8 use their own payment solution, there actually is no option for 9 that under the Google Play Store, right? 10 11 Α. We're starting to roll out, but, yes. 12 Q. Okay. There's a longer list of countries. 13 Α. And yet Spotify, a large developer offering digital goods, 14 Q. 15 they have very different options below, as listed out in green, 16 right? 17 Yes, they also invest differently. Α. 18 Right. Instead of no option to use your own payment Q. solution for games and digital goods, Spotify has that option, 19 20 right? Yes? Could you repeat that, please? 21 Α. Instead of the situation for games and digital 22 Q. Sure. 23 goods, when they have no option to use their own payment solution, Spotify has the option to use their own payment 24

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solution, right?

- 1 | A. All app developers do, so it's not just Spotify.
- 2 Q. It's -- well, Spotify has a very special rate that other
- 3 app developers don't get, right, for when they use their own
- 4 | payment solution, correct?
- 5 **A.** Yes, Spotify is a very large developer, has a different
- 6 relationship. You can go through the details. But all app
- 7 developers do have the option of using their billing, which is
- 8 | what is called UCB, the User Choice Billing.
- 9 Q. Yeah, we already covered User Choice Billing.
- 10 **A.** Yes.
- 11 **Q.** Right. Where we just show the effective rate, as you
- 12 | admitted is 30 percent, the same as if they -- the effective
- 13 | rate for using Google Play Billing, right? We've covered that.
- 14 **A.** For app developers we have significantly lowered the
- 15 price, and we can go through that as well.
- 16 | Q. I'm not going to go back into User Choice Billing.
- 17 **A.** Yes.
- 18 Q. We've covered that, and we've showed the chart of 30 and
- 19 | 30 as the effective rates, right?
- 20 **A.** For games, yes, but your exhibit did not show apps.
- 21 **Q.** Games, right.
- 22 **A.** Yes, Spotify is an app. We talked about games.
- 23 Q. Games and digital goods and services.
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. All right.

- 1 A. But Spotify is an app. I was just clarifying.
- 2 Q. Right. Okay. Now, other than User Choice Billing, we've
- 3 | covered that, there has been mention at this trial that
- 4 | there -- if a developer does not want to pay Google services
- 5 | fees, developers have other choices.
- 6 Do you agree with that, they have other choices?
- 7 | A. Yes, they could go consumption only. There are other
- 8 stores. They can sideload, yes.
- 9 Q. Right. Let's explore those to see if those are real
- 10 choices, too.
- One alternative is using a third-party app store, right?
- 12 **A.** Yes.
- 13 **Q.** Okay. And Google cannot charge a fee for in-app purchases
- 14 | if the app was downloaded from a third-party app store, right?
- 15 **A.** Yes.
- 16 | Q. And Google refuses to distribute third-party app stores on
- 17 | Google Play, right?
- 18 A. We have real security concerns for our users, so there's a
- 19 | policy that describes it.
- 20 Q. That is correct, that they don't -- they refuse to
- 21 distribute third-party app stores on Google Play, right? Yes
- 22 or no?
- 23 **A.** To keep users safe, yes.
- 24 Q. Okay. In fact, and we're going to get to this so-called
- 25 | safety reason. Try to, if you can, focus on my questions.

In fact, it's one of the requirements that a developer
cannot distribute an alternative app store through Google Play,
correct?

A. Yes.

- Q. Okay. So if a user wants to obtain an alternative app

  store that is not in their device, they need to directly

  download it from somewhere other than Google Play, right?
- 8 A. We do have OEM stores on all our devices. Samsung has the
  9 Galaxy Store, et cetera, and then, yes, if they have more than
  10 that, yes.
- Q. Well, they have direct -- so one of these so-called options is direct downloading. You mentioned that earlier, right?
- 14 **A.** Yes.
- Q. Okay. And direct downloading, so we're all on the same page, that's a process by which a user downloads an app directly from a developer's web site as opposed to going through Google Play, right?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 **Q.** Okay. So, for example, Epic has made the Fortnite app 21 available to Android users through direct downloading, right?
- 22 **A.** Yes.
- Q. Okay. But when an app is directly downloaded, Google cannot collect revenue from the in-app purchases, right?
- 25 **A.** Yes.

- 1 Q. So Google has made the process to directly download apps
- 2 | extremely difficult, right?
- 3 A. I don't think so.
- 4 Q. Well, let's walk through the steps.
- 5 **A.** Yes.
- 6 Q. Let's go to Trial Exhibit 5718. If you can pull that up,
- 7 | please, Ms. Kochikar, and go to the last page of the exhibit?
- 8 **A.** 5718, yes.
- 9 **Q.** 5718.
- 10 **A.** 5718, yeah.
- 11 Q. And go to the last page of that exhibit, please.
- 12 **A.** Is that 5718-016?
- 13 | Q. It should be Trial Exhibit 5718.
- 14 **A.** Yes, I'm on 5718.
- 15 Q. Okay. Right. And then in the last there should be a
- 16 | list -- a last page there, you see "all custodians?"
- 17 | A. All custodians, yes. I missed a couple of pages.
- 18 MS. CHIU: Your Honor, we would object. This is not a
- 19 part of the exhibit. This has been added by counsel.
- 20 **THE COURT:** Go ahead.
- 21 BY MR. HUESTON:
- 22 | Q. Yeah. You're a custodian on this document, right,
- 23 | Ms. Kochikar? Do you see your name listed under "all
- 24 | custodians, " first one listed.
- 25 **A.** Yes.

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Okay. We move this in at this time.
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              MR. HUESTON:
              THE COURT: It's admitted. Go ahead.
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                                   (Trial Exhibit 5718 received in
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                                    evidence.)
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              MR. HUESTON: Okay. Let's put it up, please.
     BY MR. HUESTON:
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          And we'll show you the first page of this presentation.
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     Q.
     It's titled Amazon Underground User Experience.
 8
          Do you see that?
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     A.
          Yes.
          And there's a Google logo there in the top left, right?
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     Α.
          Yes.
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          Okay. And the date listed here is November 2015; do you
     Q.
     see it on the screen?
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          Yes.
     Α.
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          Okay. Let's go to the second page.
          And the slide says Installing the Amazon Underground App.
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          Do you see that?
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          Yes.
     Α.
          And Amazon Underground App, that was the name of Amazon's
20
     App Store for Android around that time, right?
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          Oh, I think so.
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     Α.
          Well, the Amazon App Store, that is an example -- you're
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     aware of the Amazon App Store?
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Yes.

- 1 | Q. Okay. And that's an example of a large developer that
- 2 distributes outside of Google Play, correct?
- 3 **A.** Yes, but they also have their own form -- Android platform
- 4 that they distribute themselves.
- 5 Q. Yeah, but this is what I'm focusing on.
- 6 And to be clear, you would agree with me, Amazon is not an
- 7 | unknown entity, right?
- 8 A. As a company?
- 9 Q. Sure. We're talking about one of the best known companies
- 10 | in the United States, right?
- 11 **A.** Oh, yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. Let's go to the next slide here. And let's go one
- 13 | slide further, yeah.
- 14 And in the Google presentation here, it shows a number of
- 15 | steps: Installing the app from an android phone.
- 16 Do you see that?
- 17 **A.** Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. And it kind of goes from left to right, and let's
- 19 | just page a couple more pages to show that this is what the
- 20 document is doing. There's the next page showing additional
- 21 | steps, and there's yet a third page.
- 22 Do you see that?
- 23 **A.** Yes.
- 24 Q. Now, I want to walk through those steps with you, but I
- 25 | want to do it in a way that's easy to see, so I'm going to show

- 1 | you Kochikar demonstrative number 1 on this. And I'm going to
- 2 represent to you -- and if you want you can follow along by
- 3 | looking at the document -- that every page I showed here is
- 4 | coming from those steps in that document, okay? It has the
- 5 same words and pictures as the document.
- 6 **A.** Okay.
- 7 MR. HUESTON: Okay. So, Your Honor, then I'm going to
- 8 | move through and permission to publish, then, each of these
- 9 pages as we go through.
- 10 **THE COURT:** Yes, that's fine.
- 11 BY MR. HUESTON:
- 12 **Q.** Okay. So here, step 1 here is that a user has to search
- 13 for Amazon Underground.
- Do you see that? That's what it says on the document.
- 15 **A.** Yes.
- 16 | Q. Okay. And then if we go to step 2, Amazon.com opens, with
- 17 | an option to download Amazon Underground.
- 18 Do you see that?
- 19 **A.** Yes.
- 20 | Q. All right. Then we go to a step 3. And in step 3, Amazon
- 21 | Underground downloads, and the user sees instructions on how to
- 22 | install, right, according to the document?
- 23 **A.** Yes.
- 24 Q. And then we go to step 4, the user has to go to settings
- 25 on their phone, correct?

- 1 **A.** Yeah, that's what it says here.
- 2 Q. And then in step 5, the user then has to select security,
- 3 | correct?
- 4 **A.** Yes.
- 5 | Q. And then in step 6, the user needs to toggle unknown
- 6 | sources, has to turn it on, right?
- 7 **A.** Yes.
- 8 Q. Okay. And by the way, this unknown sources setting,
- 9 that's disabled by default by Google on all android devices,
- 10 | right?
- 11 **A.** Yes, to keep users safe.
- 12 Q. Just yes or no. So that's a "yes," right?
- 13 **A.** Yes.
- 14 Q. Okay. And so in order to directly download Fortnite or
- 15 the Amazon App Store, the user would have to go in and turn on
- 16 unknown sources to begin the direct downloading process, right?
- 17 **A.** Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. So let's go back to the next step, step 6, the user
- 19 then gets a security warning, right?
- 20 **A.** Yes.
- 21 | Q. And if we zoom in on this security warning, it says,
- 22 | quote: Your phone and personal data are more vulnerable to
- 23 | attack by apps from unknown sources. You agree that you are
- 24 | solely responsible for any damage to your phone or loss of data
- 25 | that may result from using these apps.

- 1 That's what it says, right?
- 2 A. Yes, that's what it says here.
- 3 | Q. Okay. And, again, this is Amazon, it's not really an
- 4 | unknown source, right?
- 5 **A.** The phones are everywhere, and lots of people try to
- 6 download. So unknown sources is a default setting. It's not
- 7 | for Amazon. We have to protect users from malware or anything
- 8 | else that is trying to be installed from other places.
- 9 Q. Okay. We'll get into some of the security issues later.
- 10 But Amazon's App Store, that's a competitor of Google Play's
- 11 | right?
- 12 A. Yeah, I mean, any app store is.
- 13 | Q. Okay. I'm just asking about that, right.
- 14 And then let's go back to the steps. After the user
- 15 clicks through that warning message, unknown sources is turned
- 16 | on as part of the step 7, right?
- 17 **A.** Yes.
- 18 Q. And then if we go to step 8, the user has to install the
- 19 APK, right?
- 20 **A.** Yes, that's the app.
- 21 | Q. Right. The APK is essentially a piece of software that
- 22 the developer uses to make the app work correctly, right?
- 23 **A.** Yeah, it is the app.
- 24 **Q.** Okay. And then in step 9, the user has to confirm they
- 25 | want to install the app, right?

- 1 **A.** That's what it says here.
- 2 Q. And then we go to yet another step, step 10, the user gets
- 3 a followup Google security warning, right?
- 4 A. That's what it says here.
- 5 Q. And then another step, step 11, Amazon Underground app is
- 6 | finally installed. You can see it there, right?
- 7 **A.** Yes.
- 8 Q. And then in step 12, the user is prompted to sign-in,
- 9 | right?
- 10 **A.** Yes.
- 11 **Q.** And then the next step, the user signs in, right?
- 12 **A.** Yes.
- 13 | Q. And then in step 14, the Amazon App Home Page, it opens,
- 14 right?
- 15 **A.** Yes.
- 16 **Q.** And then in step 15, there's a drop-down display option to
- 17 open Underground apps, right, according to this Google
- 18 | document, right?
- 19 **A.** Yes.
- 20 **Q.** Okay. And then in step 16, the Underground section of the
- 21 | store opens, right?
- 22 **A.** Yes.
- 23 **Q.** And we're getting there, but in step 17, the user is
- 24 | prompted to create a home screen shortcut, right?
- 25 A. That's Amazon's implementation.

- 1 Q. Okay. And then in step 18, Amazon App Store shows up on
- 2 | the Home Page, right?
  - A. Yes.

- 4 Q. Okay. So as this Google document describes, a user would
- 5 | have to go through, according to this document, 18 steps to
- 6 have the Amazon App Store show up on the Home Page of their
- 7 | android device, right, according to this document?
- 8 A. According to this document at that time.
- 9 Q. In contrast, the Google Play App Store is already on a
- 10 | customer's phone when they first start it up, right?
- 11 A. Yes, and the OEM's app stores.
- 12 | Q. All right. Now, is it still your testimony, Ms. Kochikar,
- 13 | that Google did not make it extremely difficult to directly
- 14 download an app or an app store?
- 15 **A.** I think there's a difference between downloading apps and
- 16 | stores, and a lot has changed. If you look at several markets
- 17 | around the world, people are successfully sideloading both app
- 18 | stores as well as apps, millions of installs.
- 19 Q. Let's try to focus on my question.
- 20 Let's go to Trial Exhibit 1517 and see what you were
- 21 | saying, and we'll start with 2018. So let's take a look at
- 22 | that. And if you can identify this, this is an email from you
- 23 to a Jamie Rosenberg, July 19, 2018.
- 24 **A.** 1517, you said?
- 25 **Q.** Yes.

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          Okay.
                 Yes.
              MR. HUESTON: Okay. We'd move to admit it at this
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     time, Your Honor.
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              MS. CHIU: No objections.
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 5
              THE COURT:
                          It's admitted.
                                  (Trial Exhibit 1517 received in
 6
                                   evidence.)
 7
     BY MR. HUESTON:
 8
          Okay. So let's go to your email down at the bottom of the
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     Q.
     first page sent on July 18th.
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     Α.
          Yes.
          And it's up there on the screen.
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     Α.
          Yes.
          And in this email you're sending a draft script to this
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     group, right?
16
     Α.
          Yes.
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          And the draft script is in anticipation of a call that
     Q.
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     Google would be having with Mark Rein at Epic, right?
19
     Α.
          Yes.
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          So let's go to the second page, third paragraph?
21
     Α.
          Yes.
          And you write there, quote: We also have a responsibility
22
     towards our users. Frankly, the experience of getting Fortnite
23
     on Android from the links Tim sent is frankly abysmal.
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Those are your words, right?

- 1 **A.** Yes.
- 2 Q. And the reference to links that Tim sent was the process
- 3 | that was proposed for directly downloading Fortnite from Epic's
- 4 | web site, correct?
- 5 **A.** Fortnite plus the launcher, we were surprised by that
- 6 approach. It was a very particular approach.
- 7 **Q.** Okay. Let's go to your deposition.
- 8 MR. HUESTON: Your Honor, page -- tab 1, page 84,
- 9 lines 1 through 5.
- 10 **THE COURT:** That's fine.
- 11 MR. HUESTON: Let's put it up, please.
- 12 BY MR. HUESTON:
- 13 Q. And the reference to the links Tim sent was sort of
- 14 going through the process that was proposed for directly
- downloading Fortnite from Epic's web site."
- 16 Your answer:
- 17 **"A.** Yes."
- 18 | Correct?
- 19 A. Yes, that's what I said there.
- 20 **Q.** Now, going back to the paragraph here, the last question
- 21 | in that paragraph that you wrote is: Do you worry that most
- 22 | will not go through the 15 plus steps?
- 23 That's what you wrote, right?
- 24 **A.** Yes.
- 25 | Q. Okay. And you actually saw someone try to follow that 15

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1 | plus step process, right?
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A. Yes.

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- 3 Q. And you thought this process was abysmal, at least in
- 4 part, because it included those 15 plus steps, right?
  - A. Yes, that approach that was taken at the time.
- 6 Q. Right. And we can take that exhibit down.
- 7 And, Ms. Kochikar, due to all those steps that were
- 8 | implemented by Google for direct downloading, developers in
- 9 competing app stores, they faced large hurdles to distribute
- 10 | their products if they were not using the Google Play Store,
- 11 right?
- 12 **A.** There are OEM stores as well as apps can be downloaded
- 13 very easily.
- 14 Q. Okay. Well, the process I just showed you 15, where you
- 15 | talked about 15 plus steps, that wasn't an easy process. That
- 16 was an abysmal process by what you described, right?
- 17 **A.** Because it included the face -- the Fortnite launcher.
- 18 Q. Okay. Actually, your testimony was it was abysmal because
- 19 | it just included the 15 plus steps, right?
- 20 **A.** Yeah, there is context in the email.
- 21 MR. HUESTON: Okay. Let's --Your Honor, if we can go
- 22 | to deposition testimony page 84, lines 9 to 11.
- 23 **THE COURT:** That's fine.
- MR. HUESTON: Let's put it up.
- 25 •Q. And you thought it was abysmal, at least in part

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because it included 15 plus steps, right?
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          "A. Yes."
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          Yeah.
 3
     Α.
     BY MR. HUESTON:
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          We can put that down.
     Q.
          Let's go to trial Exhibit 1515. If you could turn to
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            There should be an email from you to other Google
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     that.
     employees dated June 23rd, 2018.
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          Do you see that?
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     A.
          Yes.
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              MR. HUESTON: We'd move to admit at this time, Your
     Honor.
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              MS. CHIU: No objections.
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              THE COURT: It's admitted.
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                                 (Trial Exhibit 1515 received in
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                                  evidence.)
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     BY MR. HUESTON:
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          Okay. Let's put this up.
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          The subject of this email is Next Steps, right?
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          Yes.
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          Now, let's go to Mr. Gennai's email at the bottom of the
     first page, top of the second page.
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     Α.
          Yeah.
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          And by the way, Mr. Gennai is a colleague of yours at
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     Google, right?
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A. Yes.

- 2 Q. All right. And he writes, quote: Even if we can't share
- 3 partner-specific data, it would be useful to get some data
- 4 points on how many installs even the large players get when
- 5 | they choose to distribute off of Play. The Amazon App Store
- 6 | would be a good example, and Venkatesh's team under Mat K
- 7 | should be able to get numbers, penetration of devices by
- 8 | country would be ideal.
- 9 That's what the email says, right?
- 10 **A.** Yes.
- 11 **Q.** Okay. And distribute, as it's used here, that refers to
- 12 | how to get apps or app stores onto users' phones to use, right?
- 13 **A.** Yes.
- 14 Q. He then states, in the next paragraph, quote: Also would
- 15 be good to get the latest numbers on how, what percentage of
- 16 devices have unknown sources turned off by country.
- 17 Do you see that?
- 18 **A.** Yes.
- 19 Q. And a user, we covered this, I believe, would need to have
- 20 unknown sources turned off in order to directly download an app
- 21 | like Fortnite outside of the Play store, right?
- 22 **A.** Yes.
- 23 **Q.** Okay. So then later in the paragraph he writes, quote:
- 24 | Again, to highlight that there will be large hurdles for
- 25 distribution --

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Those were his words, right; do you see that?
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          Yeah, those are his words.
     Α.
          ... unless they were to get preloaded, which is a very
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     long game.
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          That's what he wrote, right?
          Yes, that's what he wrote.
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     Α.
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          And the outcome of the data here was expected to show that
     Q.
     the penetration among users would be limited even for a large
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     developer like Amazon if it was directly downloaded, right?
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          The outcome was to convince Epic to choose Play because we
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     really wanted them on Play.
              MR. HUESTON: Your Honor, if we can go to page 63,
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     line 1 -- lines 3 through 9.
                          That's fine.
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              THE COURT:
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     BY MR. HUESTON:
          Let's put it up, please.
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               Regardless of the reason, the outcome of the data
          ■Q.
          would show, as expected to show, that the penetration
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          among users would be limited even for a large developer
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          like Amazon if it downloaded off of Play?
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          ΠA.
               Yes."
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          That was your testimony, right?
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          That's what I said.
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Okay. And so the assumption here is that the developer

goes with a directly downloaded app, there would be, in the

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- 1 | words of your colleague, a large hurdle to distribute because
- of a limited number of devices with unknown sources turned off,
- 3 correct?
- 4 **A.** Yeah, that's what he said.
- 5 | Q. Okay. And Google's analysis was that 85 percent of
- 6 android users in the United States do not have unknown sources
- 7 turned on, right?
- 8 A. Yeah, that is an analysis, I suppose so, yes.
- 9 Q. Well, let's see if I can help with that.
- 10 So let's go to Trial Exhibit 917. 917. And you recognize
- 11 | this as a document that was put together in response to
- 12 Mr. Rosenberg's request to put together fleshed-out thinking
- 13 and talking points on Epic's decision to launch off Play,
- 14 right?
- 15 **A.** Yes.
- 16 MR. HUESTON: Okay. We move to admit it at this time.
- 17 MS. CHIU: No objections.
- 18 **THE COURT:** It's admitted.
- 19 (Trial Exhibit 917 received in
- 20 evidence.)
- 21 BY MR. HUESTON:
- 22 Q. And you were both an author and a contributor on this
- 23 | document, right?
- 24 **A.** Yes.
- 25 | Q. Okay. So let's go to the bottom of the first page with

- 1 | the section starting Android Reach, and it states: Android
- 2 | Reach without Play store significantly lower, correct?
- 3 **A.** Yes.
- 4 Q. Approximately 20 percent of viable devices have unknown
- 5 sources turned on.
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 **A.** Yes.
- 8 Q. All right. Now we go to the second page, second bullet
- 9 point, and this addresses the situation in the United States.
- 10 It lists the percentage of devices with unknown sources enabled
- 11 | in the United States is even lower, just 15 percent.
- Do you see that, the first bullet point?
- 13 **A.** Yes.
- 14 Q. So 85 percent did not have unknown sources enabled, right?
- 15 **A.** Yes.
- 16 | Q. Okay. And so the point here, and we can take that down,
- 17 | was that Epic was not going to be able to reach as many users
- 18 | through directly downloading as it would for Google Play,
- 19 | right?
- 20 **A.** Or like an OEM store, but we were making the case for
- 21 | Google Play.
- 22 | Q. Right. And so let's go to the section in the document
- 23 | called User Experience.
- 24 **A.** Could you give me the page number, please?
- 25 | Q. Do you see it on the screen in front of you?

- 1 **A.** Oh, I see it. Okay. Yes. Thank you.
- 2 | Q. And on the side you see comment 3?
- 3 A. Comment 3, yes.
- 4 Q. All right. And if we go to number 1, it states, quote:
- 5 | The install friction is not only a bad experience, but we know
- 6 | from our data that it will drastically limit their reach. This
- 7 | is a way to frame an impaired reach stat without sharing
- 8 anything sensitive.
- 9 Do you see that language?
- 10 **A.** Yes.
- 11 | Q. Okay. And "install friction," you understand that refers
- 12 to the extra steps that a user has to take to install an app
- 13 | from a developer's website through direct download, right?
- 14 **A.** Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. And this comment is stating that this install
- 16 | friction creates a bad user experience, right?
- 17 **A.** Yeah, that's what it says here.
- 18 | Q. Right. And that's because the process of direct
- 19 downloading takes longer and involves more steps than
- 20 downloading directly from Google Play, correct?
- 21 **A.** Yeah, or the OEM App Store, yeah.
- 22 | Q. Okay. And specifically the number of steps that we
- 23 | discussed earlier that are required to have an app or store
- 24 | downloaded outside of Google Play makes it a bad user
- 25 | experience, right?

We -- I know you want to focus on Google Play, but we do 1 Α. have OEM app stores, so outside of preloaded stores maybe are 2 the right way to think about it. 3 Okay. Let's just go quickly to your deposition page 77, 4 5 lines 11 to 17. THE COURT: 77? 6 7 MR. HUESTON: Yes, page 77, lines 11 to 17. THE COURT: Go ahead. 8 BY MR. HUESTON: 9 Okay. Let's put it up. 10 Q. 11 "Q. Well, setting aside why you think those warning screens are appropriate, what he's saying here is that the 12 number of steps that are required to have an app 13 downloaded makes it a bad user experience, right?" 14 15 And your answer was: 16 "A. Yes." 17 Correct? Correct? Yes. 18 Α. And because the number -- we can take that down. 19 Because the number of steps makes for a bad user 20 experience, users usually fall out at various steps of the 21 direct downloading process simply because there are extra 22 23 steps; you've recognized that, right? Oh, I suppose so, that's true for user experience. 24

Okay. And so where there's friction, people fall out and

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Q.

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don't complete purchases, right? That often happens?
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          I suppose so, yes.
     Α.
                And as we discussed before, there can be up to, we
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     Q.
     showed the Google's example of the app, the Amazon App Store,
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     up to 18 different places for users to fall out and not
     complete the direct downloading, right?
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          Yeah, that's what you demonstrated.
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     Α.
          Okay. Great. Let me just quickly go to Exhibit 1704,
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     just for you to look at --
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                 And once again, once you get there I'm going to ask
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          1704.
     you to just go to the last page of the exhibit to the list of
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     custodians.
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          And just confirm with me that you're on the list of
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     custodians.
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          Oh, yes.
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              MR. HUESTON: Okay. We'd move this exhibit into
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     evidence at this time.
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              MS. CHIU: No objections.
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              THE COURT:
                          It's admitted.
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                                 (Trial Exhibit 1704 received in
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                                  evidence.)
     BY MR. HUESTON:
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Okay. Let me go on to a different topic, Ms. Kochikar.

Companies like Epic have complained about Google's decision to

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- 1 | require so many steps to directly download, right?
- 2 **A.** Yeah.
- 3 | Q. Okay. And Google was additionally concerned about Epic
- 4 | influencing other developers into launching their popular apps
- 5 | outside of the Google Play -- of Google Play, right?
- 6 **A.** We just wanted developers to choose Play.
- 7 | Q. Well, you were -- you and your colleagues were concerned
- 8 | about Epic possibly influencing other developers into launching
- 9 their apps outside of Google Play. That was a concern, you
- 10 remember that, right?
- 11 **A.** Yes.
- 12 **Q.** Okay. Thank you.
- Now, in addition to creating up to 18 steps in the direct
- 14 download process, Google tried to payoff Epic with \$147 million
- 15 | to eliminate Epic's influence on other developers, correct?
- 16 **A.** That wasn't how it was done.
- 17 | Q. Okay. Well, let's walk through it.
- 18 **A.** Sure.
- 19 Q. As we discussed earlier, Epic planned to launch Fortnite
- 20 on Android outside of Google Play, right?
- 21 **A.** Yes.
- 22 | Q. Okay. And you helped plan the strategy for Google's
- 23 | outreach to Epic, right?
- 24 **A.** Yes.
- 25 | Q. And, in fact, in July of 2018, Google decided to offer

- 1 | Epic a special deal, right?
- 2 A. Yes, I may be in the wrong exhibit. Could you tell me the
- 3 number?
- 4 | Q. No, no, just put that exhibit -- we're not talking about
- 5 | the exhibit.
- 6 **A.** I see.
- 7 **Q.** No worries. There's a lot of paper up there.
- 8 **A.** Okay.
- 9 Q. Now, let's -- as part of that proposed deal with Epic,
- 10 | there was a requirement that Epic launch Fortnite on Google
- 11 | Play, correct? That was part of it?
- 12 **A.** That's what partnerships are about. We work together.
- 13 | Q. I'm just asking if that was part of the deal. Epic was to
- 14 | launch Fortnite on Google Play, right?
- 15 **A.** Yes.
- 16 | Q. Okay. And Fortnite launching on Google Play would have
- 17 | ensured you understood that most Fortnite downloads would
- 18 | happen through Google Play, right?
- 19 A. Probably. We just knew that it would happen through us,
- 20 at least some of them.
- 21 | Q. Yeah, most, probably most of the downloads would happen
- 22 | through Google Play, if they launched on Google Play, right,
- 23 | ma'am?
- 24 **A.** Yes.
- 25 | Q. Okay. And that was important because when Fortnite

- downloads happen on other app stores, Google doesn't receive revenue when users make purchases there, right?

  A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. So one of the key purposes of the deal was to
  address the risk that other developers would follow Epic off
  Google Play threatening at least 10 percent of Google Play's
  business, right?
- A. That was part of it, but the big part of it is to get9 Fortnite on Play.
- 10 **Q.** That was one of the -- sorry, just to be -- so we're on the same page. That was one of the concerns, right?
- 12 **A.** It was just a risk assessment, yeah.
- Q. Let's go to the words then. Let's go to Exhibit 805. If you go to Exhibit 805, once again go to the last page of the exhibit, and you're listed as a custodian on it; do you see that?
- 17 **A.** Yes.
- MR. HUESTON: We'd move it, Your Honor.
- 19 MS. CHIU: No objections.
- 20 **THE COURT:** It is admitted.
- 21 (Trial Exhibit 805 received in evidence.)
- MR. HUESTON: Okay. let's publish, please.
- 24 BY MR. HUESTON:
- 25 | Q. And the title of this presentation is Epic/Fortnite BC

- 1 Deal Review, dated July 19, 2018.
- 2 Do you see that?
- 3 **A.** Yes.
- 4 Q. And if you go to the second page of this exhibit.
- 5 **A.** Yes.
- 6 **Q.** And look at Objective?
- 7 **A.** Yeah.
- 8 Q. Objective listed here as, quote: Partner with Epic to
- 9 | secure Fortnite's launch on Play and help them achieve their
- 10 goals in the gaming industry, right?
- 11 **A.** Yes.
- 12 Q. So we're going to go down to the third section on the page
- 13 | starting with "Not having..."
- 14 It's just been highlighted; do you see that?
- 15 **A.** Yes.
- 16 **Q.** And it says, "Not having Fortnite on Play creates
- 17 | significant risks for Android ecosystem and Play business."
- 18 That's what it says, right?
- 19 **A.** Yes.
- 20 Q. And then the first sub bullet there states: "Fortnite's
- 21 | absence could result in 130 million, up to 250 million direct
- 22 | revenue loss for Play, " right?
- 23 **A.** Yes.
- 24 \ Q. And then it says, "Downstream impact of 550 million up to
- 25 3.6B."

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1 That's $3.6 billion right?
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- 2 **A.** Yes.
- 3 Q. "...Of potential revenue loss if broad contagion to other
- 4 developers."
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 **A.** Yes.
- 7 | Q. And contagion, you know that word refers to the risk that
- 8 | Epic would influence other consumers, right, that this would
- 9 get contagious?
- 10 A. Yeah. Yeah.
- 11 Q. Okay. And so Google calculated that Epic's decision could
- 12 | influence other developers as well and cause a total loss to
- 13 Google Play of \$3.6 billion, right, ma'am?
- 14 **A.** That's what it says here.
- 15 **Q.** Now, let's go to page 11. And the title here says:
- 16 | Invest 147 million in incremental funding over three years
- 17 | through 2021 in an X-PA effort to convince Epic to launch
- 18 Fortnite on Play.
- 19 Do you see that?
- 20 **A.** Yes.
- 21 **Q.** And so Google proposed spending \$147 million to convince
- 22 | Epic to launch Fortnite on Google Play, and in part avoid
- 23 | losing what was assessed as potentially \$3.6 billion if there
- 24 was contagion, right?
- 25 | A. Yeah, but mostly get Fortnite on Play.

- 1 Q. Okay. Well, the words in your document just talked about
- 2 | a contagion risk of \$3.6 billion, right?
- 3 **A.** Yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. And Google's business counsel approved this deal
- 5 | for \$147 million to be offered to Epic, right?
- 6 **A.** Yes.
- 7 Q. But Epic didn't accept this deal, did it?
- 8 **A.** No.
- 9 Q. We can take this exhibit down.
- 10 Ms. Kochikar, Epic was not the only developer that Google
- 11 | tried to pay to prevent them from launching off of Google Play,
- 12 | right?
- 13 | A. I don't -- there was -- I don't know where you're going
- 14 with this.
- 15 Q. All right. We'll take it one step at a time.
- 16 **A.** Yeah.
- 17 | Q. Google was concerned -- we've talked about this, right --
- 18 | the contagion, with the risks that developers would distribute
- 19 | their apps through means other than Google Play, right?
- 20 **A.** At that point, yes.
- 21 Q. Okay. And it was important for Google to control how apps
- 22 were distributed because distribution was where the real money
- 23 | was to be made, right?
- 24 | A. We just wanted to have good -- we just wanted to have good
- 25 apps on our store.

- 1 Q. Okay. Those words aren't ringing a bell for you, that
- 2 distribution was where the real money was to be made; do you
- 3 remember those words?
- 4 A. Have I said it?
- 5 Q. Let's go to Trial Exhibit 1519. And here's an email from
- 6 you, if you can identify it quickly as an email from you.
- 7 Do you see it?
- 8 **A.** 1519, yes.
- 9 MR. HUESTON: Okay. We'd move it into evidence at
- 10 this time.
- MS. CHIU: No objections.
- 12 **THE COURT:** It is admitted.
- 13 (Trial Exhibit 1519 received in
- 14 evidence.)
- 15 BY MR. HUESTON:
- 16 Q. Okay. It's published. Let's go to your email at the
- 17 | bottom of the first page. This was sent on August 2nd, 2013,
- 18 from you to a Jamie Rosenberg, right?
- 19 **A.** Yes.
- 20 \ Q. Let's go to the second page, the third paragraph on that
- 21 page starting with why does this matter.
- 22 Do you see that?
- 23 **A.** Yep.
- 24 | Q. And then you write here, quote: Well, our key partners
- 25 were actively talking to people who were promising them better

- 1 development tools, unity, better discovery and distribution,
- 2 | FB, that's Facebook, right?
- 3 **A.** Yes.
- 4 Q. And analytics, flurry, Distimo.
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 **A.** Yes.
- 7 | Q. All right. And in terms of better discovery and
- 8 distribution, you were pointing out that Google's key ad
- 9 partners were talking to a potential competitor to Google Play
- 10 at the time for distributing apps on android, right?
- 11 | A. No, this was just from -- it's likely more complicated
- 12 | than that.
- 13 **Q.** Okay.
- 15 | was distributed to a different store on Android.
- 16 **Q.** Okay.
- 17 | A. We were small. We were just trying to figure out what we
- 18 | need to bill to become competitive. Play was launched in 2010.
- 19 We are very small, but saying there are lots of competition, we
- 20 | need to do more. That's what the email says.
- 21 MR. HUESTON: All right. We'll go to your deposition,
- 22 Your Honor, please, page 96, line 25 to 97, line 5.
- 23 | THE COURT: Which lines?
- 24 MR. HUESTON: Last line on page 96, line 25 to line 5
- 25 on the next page, 97, line 5.

KOCHIKAR - DIRECT / HUESTON 1 THE COURT: That's fine. BY MR. HUESTON: 2 Okay. Let's put it up. Q. 3 In terms of the better discovery and distribution, 4 5 you were pointing out that your key partners were talking to a potential competitor to Google Play at the time for 6 distributing apps on Android, right? 7 Ad partners." ΠA. 8 That was your answer right? 9 Those are the ad partners. That's for ad space 10 Α. Correct. distribution. 11 Okay. And at this time Google viewed Facebook as 12 13 competing on Android with Google Play as to app distribution, right? 14 15 Α. On the ads site. On the apps, through apps, correct? 16 17 Yeah, through ads, yeah, user acquisition through ads. Α. 18 Okay. And then you write, quote: As the market gets increasingly crowded, the real money will be in distribution. 19 20 Those are your words, right? Yes. 21 Α. Okay. And let's take the document down. 22

Now, recognizing that distribution is critical, Google

then launched a program called Project Hug to eliminate

alternative ways to distribute apps on Google Play, right?

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- 1 **A.** That wasn't the goal of that program at all.
- 2 Q. Okay. Well, let's walk through this.
- Part of your past day-to-day work was a Google program
- 4 | called Project Hug, right?
- 5 **A.** Yes.
- 6 Q. And it was for at least a tiny moment it was called
- 7 | Project Bear Hug, right?
- 8 A. Maybe for a very tiny moment.
- 9 Q. Okay. And you were involved in Project Hug from the
- 10 beginning, correct?
- 11 **A.** Yes.
- 12 | Q. And the goal of Project Hug was to get developers to
- 13 | launch their apps on Google Play rather than direct downloading
- 14 or any other competing app store available on Android, right?
- 15 **A.** No, the goal was to simultaneously ship, they could direct
- 16 download, they could distribute through anything else. There
- 17 | was absolutely no constraints.
- 18 Q. Okay. Let's go to Trial Exhibit 1520. And this is an
- 19 | email from you. Tell me if you recognize this as an email from
- 20 you.
- 21 **A.** Yes.
- 22 | MR. HUESTON: I'd move to admit it at this time, Your
- 23 Honor.
- MS. CHIU: No objections.
- 25 **THE COURT:** It's admitted.

(Trial Exhibit 1520 received in 1 evidence.) 2 BY MR. HUESTON: 3 4 Okay. Let's put it up. Let's go to page 2, and this is 5 an email October 10, 2018. 6 A. Yes. And this is an email on the screen. It's sent by a Le 7 Q. Zhang on October 10th, 2018; do you see that? 8 9 Α. Yes. 10 And you know Ms. Zhang is a Google employee, right? 11 Α. Yes. Mr. Zhang. And he starts his email stating, quote, as you 12 know, a few of us started working on identifying HI-PO/Hi-risk, 13 triple A, and independent developers two months ago. 14 15 Do you see that language? 16 Α. Yes. And "hi-po" means high potential, right? 17 18 Α. Yes. 19 And by "high potential" Mr. Zhang is referring to 20 developers who were performing well off mobile and were 21 considering launching apps on phones, right? Yes, or had apps on iOS already, and we had to compete. 22 Α. 23 Okay. And let's talk about the reference to high risk.

Q.

Α.

Yes.

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Do you see the high risk part of that?

- 1 Q. Let's go to the second bullet point in Mr. Zhang's email.
- 2 | He writes there, quote: Triple A franchise launches in 2019
- 3 | with significant risk of non-simship or even off Play, and then
- 4 references Activision, Blizzard and Riot, right?
- 5 **A.** Yes.
- 6 Q. Do you see Activision, Blizzard, and Riot beneath them?
- 7 **A.** Yes.
- 8 Q. Okay. And I think you were talking about this earlier,
- 9 this referenced a non-simship. Mr. Zhang is referring to the
- 10 concern that these developers will launch on Android, but not
- 11 | at the same time or at all through Google Play, right?
- 12 A. Yeah, that's his point of view.
- 13 Q. All right. Let's go to Adam Gutterman's email at the
- 14 | bottom of the first page now. He worked at Google, right?
- 15 **A.** Yes.
- 16 Q. And it's up on the screen, and at the top of second page
- 17 | in this bullet point he writes: Increase Play outcomes Bear
- 18 Huq.
- 19 Do you see that?
- 20 **A.** Yes.
- 21 Q. And one of the risks that was presented to the Google
- 22 | Business Council in connection with Project Bear Hug was the
- 23 | risk that other developers would launch titles outside of
- 24 | Google Play, right?
- 25 **A.** One of the risks.

- 1 Q. Okay. And so one of the requirements of every single Bear
- 2 | Hug deal that you ultimately signed was to require any launches
- 3 of titles by developers to be launched simultaneously on Google
- 4 Play with any other app store or method on Android, right?
- 5 **A.** If they choose to participate in the program, then all we
- 6 | needed them is to also consider Google Play.
- 7 Q. Okay. Is that a "yes?"
- 8 A. They could launch anywhere else.
- 9 Q. Sorry. Was that a "yes" to my question?
- 10 **A.** If they choose to participate in the program they should
- 11 | also simultaneously ship on Play, yes.
- 12 | Q. Okay. And to be clear, Ms. Kochikar, that requirement was
- 13 | in every Bear Hug deal because you wanted to eliminate the risk
- 14 | that developers first launch their titles outside of Google
- 15 | Play, right?
- 16 **A.** That wasn't the -- we just wanted them to be
- 17 | simultaneously shipping on us.
- 18 **Q.** Okay.
- 19 A. Just consider Play as a potential channel, that's it.
- 20 MR. HUESTON: Your Honor, page 121, lines 13 to 17.
- 21 **THE COURT:** Yes, that's fine.
- 22 MR. HUESTON: Okay. Let's Play the video, please.
- 23 (video clip played:)
- 24 Q. One of the justifications for the Project Hug deals
- 25 was the risk that apps would launch -- certain app

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developers would launch their titles outside of Google
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          Play, right?
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          "A. It was the -- yes."
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     BY MR. HUESTON:
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          Okay. That was your testimony, right?
     Q.
     Α.
          Okay.
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              THE COURT: All right. Are you going to wrap -- I'd
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     like to break for the day.
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              MR. HUESTON: I just have one more question on this,
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     Your Honor, get the last one in.
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              THE COURT:
                         Go ahead.
     BY MR. HUESTON:
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          And if the new game was launched first through Google
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     Play, no other competing app store could get a competitive
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     advantage by exclusively launching that game on their
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     alternative platform, right?
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          That's not how we thought about it at all.
     Α.
              MR. HUESTON: All right. I'm finished with my
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     questions for today.
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                         Okay. We will resume in the morning.
              THE COURT:
          Now, remember our daily reflection. I decided to call it
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     a daily affirmation rather than a daily reflection. This is
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     your daily affirmation: Put all of this out of your mind,
     return to whatever you need to do, whatever you want to do,
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     whatever refreshes you. No thinking about this.
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reflection.
                 Certainly no communications. No media coverage.
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     Look away, turn it off, don't look at the screen. If you
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     happen to see any, clear your mind of all the testimony today,
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     and we'll see you tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.
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              THE CLERK: All rise.
          (Proceedings were heard out of presence of the jury:)
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              THE COURT: All right. Ms. Kochikar, you remain under
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     oath. No communications with anyone about the substance,
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     manner, style, presentation, anything at all your testimony,
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     and do not review any documents.
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              THE WITNESS: Yes.
              THE COURT: All right. See you in the morning.
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     can step down.
          You can all sit down.
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          Who took that deposition?
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              MS. MOSKOWITZ:
                              The one --
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              MR. BORNSTEIN: The deposition was taken by
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    Mr. Denning, who I think is in the back.
              THE COURT: Okay. All right. How are we doing on
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     time?
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              MR. BORNSTEIN: We are, I think, a little pressed.
     figured we'd be through a few more witnesses at this point than
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     we are.
              THE COURT: Oh, I had a different impression. You're
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     feeling behind?
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              MR. BORNSTEIN:
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    we would be, yes.
              THE COURT: Okay. All right. What do you want to do
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     about that?
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              MR. BORNSTEIN:
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    Mr. Pomerantz and I can discuss overnight, and we can present
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     some thoughts to Your Honor in the morning.
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              THE COURT: That sounds fine.
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          I thought Hueston Henningan was representing Match.
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     You're here now, too, for Epic?
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              MR. HUESTON: Yeah, we represented Match, and with
     Match's permission and at the invitation of Epic, we are
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     assisting the Epic trial.
              THE COURT: I was just curious. Thank you.
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              MR. HUESTON: No worries.
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              THE COURT: All right. Anything else before we go
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     till tomorrow morning?
              MR. BORNSTEIN: Just one question, Your Honor.
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     respect to the deposition presentation, I wanted to see if you
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     thought that the way this worked with the documents is
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     acceptable or if you'd rather --
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copies handed out. If you're comfortable with it, I'm fine
with it. It looked okay. The speaker was a little small, but
however you want to do it is up to you, okay?
        MR. BORNSTEIN: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.
         THE COURT: Now, what was I going to say?
    Oh, so this is a purely provisional mothballing of the
Spotify number, all right. I will work out an order on that
later, but I just did it for today for expediency sake.
    Now, one day in advance. You're the proponent. One day
in advance, okay? Whoever the proponent is of the sealing
request, at least one full court day in advance, whoever that
is.
                        The issue, Your Honor, I think is
        MR. BORNSTEIN:
we'll just need to make sure we understand from the claimant,
in other words, the person who is seeking to have
confidentiality so that we can raise it. And we did not have
sufficient notice that Spotify had an issue to raise it fairly
in advance, but we'll work that out so it doesn't happen again.
        THE COURT: Okay. Good. Okay. See you in the
morning.
        MR. POMERANTZ: Your Honor, sorry, I do have an issue
to raise.
     In one of -- in a line of Mr. Hueston's questions, he
raised an issue that Your Honor has already ruled on in your
summary judgment ruling, and that's the Trinco issue where we
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have an absolute right not to distribute our competitor's product. Mr. Hueston's line of questioning I think included the word Google "refuses" to allow you to distribute the games to the store.

And I'll get the transcript so I'm accurate. I want to make sure I'm accurate. I foresaw this, as did Mr. Bornstein, when you issued that ruling. And we told you at the time that we thought you might need to instruct the jury so that they don't infer anything wrong from the fact that Google Play does not distribute a competing app store.

So I would like to have a -- I would like to submit tomorrow a short instruction for Your Honor to consider so that the jury is not -- does not take from that questioning something that is contrary to Your Honor's ruling.

What they had asked for was context, which we raised some concerns about, but that was more than context. The way those questions were asked was to send a message that Google was doing something improper by not distributing the App Store, and that's not correct, and we would request an instruction, we'll propose one tomorrow morning.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. BORNSTEIN: Your Honor, as we discussed in connection with the summary judgment proceedings, the jury does need to understand the facts that it was not an alternative possibility for competing stores to distribute their stores

through the Google Play Store. Mr. Hueston's questioning brought out that fact from Ms. Kochikar and then moved on to the point of the examination which was the direct distribution process. It did not linger on, did not make any argumentation, it's the simple fact that Google will not carry other stores on Google Play Store, and then we moved on.

I don't think there's any issue around that, and I think it's consistent with the fact the jury needs to understand that that is not an option that is available to developers.

THE COURT: Well, it wasn't raised in opening argument as a point against Google, and it will not be raised in closing argument, and I think a context question is probably okay.

But how about this. This is a thought exercise. Why don't you work with Mr. Pomerantz on what might be a word to the jury, okay? Just see if you can jointly fashion something, and I'll take a look at it.

MR. POMERANTZ: Thank you.

MR. BORNSTEIN: Are we talking, Your Honor, about an instruction that would be included in closing instructions or something that would happen right now? I think having something happen right now would give the subject far more weight than it deserves.

THE COURT: I would probably wait until we get to the end of the case.

MR. POMERANTZ: Your Honor, it's just not fair. You

know, Mr. Hueston used the word "refused." They refused -- he was trying to send a message through his cross-examination. To let that linger now for another few weeks is not fair.

This is exactly why --

THE COURT: You have to understand, Mr. Pomerantz, there was a lot more in that cross than that passing reference.

MR. POMERANTZ: And I'm not asking anything about the rest of that, Your Honor.

THE COURT: And with good reasons, those were all facts in evidence. All I'm saying is there was a tidal wave of information. I'm not sure this little wavelet should be the subject of an enormous amount of scrutiny.

MR. POMERANTZ: There was a second thing that happened during that examination as well, which was there was a motion in limine about the fact that neither side should point to the fact that it was a privileged statement on a document, and Your Honor agreed with that.

THE COURT: Oh, yes, and let me just interrupt you. It do agree, and I think, as I recall, the point of the questioning was consistent with the Chat theme that Epic is raising is that the Google was trying to invoke privileges without a foundation for it. It wasn't -- it was actually privileged. It was that it should never have been asserted as privilege, and this is part and parcel of the practice of trying to keep things out of scrutiny.

MR. POMERANTZ: But, your Honor, there's tons of documents produced by all the parties in this case which say "privileged," and then the lawyers handling the case produce the document.

THE COURT: No, no, I mentioned that, Mr. Pomerantz, but the one document we saw was a false invocation of privilege. Those are all legitimate invocations. No one is going to comment on those. This was trying to say it's not just cache that Google didn't preserve. They also played fast and loose with privilege. I'm just channeling the --

MR. POMERANTZ: No, I wasn't clear. There's documents that Epic and other parties produced as to Google which say "privilege." There's no redactions, because the lawyers who were producing them determined there was no privilege, so the business person wrote "privilege," but then we all determined in the discovery process it wasn't privileged and we produced it. It happened both ways.

Your Honor actually addressed that issue in your ruling, and that was what was supposed to not be pointed out. That's very different than Chats which is a preservation issue.

MR. BORNSTEIN: Your Honor, there is a difference here, and I think Your Honor put his finger on it.

We have a case to be made for the purposes of the adverse instruction at the end of the trial that Google has engaged in a process of seeking to hide evidence from the Court and from

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We have the Chat issue, and we do have this
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privilege issue. Your Honor has seen the documents about what
one of the lawyers at Google herself called fake privilege, and
I believe we are entitled to present that issue to the jury.
         THE COURT:
                     I am fine with that. You can present fake
privilege and you can argue about it. You can't do anything
else with privilege.
     I mean, there were some things that I saw something that
was branded privileged and nobody said anything about it
because you both, to your joint mutual credit, realized it
shouldn't be the object of an assertion of privilege and let it
    That's perfectly fine. We'll just call it the fake
privilege, the boqus privilege, that's okay. All right.
that was backed up by deposition testimony.
     Now, I wouldn't do it on a wing and a prayer, all right.
In other words, if you don't know from prior evidence, either
an email or a deposition testimony, that it is in fact a boqus
assertion, don't just try to find out in court.
                         That is not our intent, Your Honor.
         MR. BORNSTEIN:
         THE COURT:
                    That would violate what Mr. Pomerantz is
correctly observing was my ruling, okay?
         MR. BORNSTEIN:
                         Agreed.
         THE COURT: So if you already have it locked in,
that's fine.
         MR. BORNSTEIN:
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Apparently there is one sealing issue that Ms. Moskowitz
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     is going to raise for tomorrow.
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              THE COURT: Another sealing issue?
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              MS. MOSKOWITZ: Your Honor, it's actually not ours,
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    but because I am the proponent of a couple of documents
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    has informed our team that they intend to seal them.
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     disagree. We intend to use them. We did not want to use them
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              MS. MOSKOWITZ:
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     is a witness who will be testifying about the contracts with
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              THE COURT: Well, as the proponent of the sealing --
              MS. MOSKOWITZ: Ah, okay. I wanted to make sure,
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              MR. POMERANTZ:
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              THE COURT: Let me be clear, that's what I mean by
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proponent, okay? The proponent of the sealing request, the
person who wants me to do something has to tell me a full court
day in advance, not the person who wants to use it and someone
else is objecting. The proponent of the sealing request, okay?
All right.
         MR. POMERANTZ: Your Honor, this involves sensitive
information from a third-party Samsung and a deal that --
separate agreements that Google has with Samsung. These are
current deals, and I think it would be prejudicial to Samsung
and to Google to have this disclosed in open court.
     I think there's very limited information here that the
parties want to use. I think it could be handled in a way that
does not divulge the sensitive information in the document.
                     I want you to work something out, okay?
         THE COURT:
         MR. POMERANTZ:
                         Thank you, Your Honor.
                    All right. See you in the morning.
         THE COURT:
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                    All rise.
          (Proceedings adjourned at 3:43 p.m.)
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